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Oman, S. Arabia mark common border

MUSCAT (AFP) - Oman and Saudi Arabia finished marking MUSCAT (AFP) — Oman and Saudi Arabia finished marking their common border after a 1,350-day study and are expected to sign the new maps on Monday, an Omani official said Saturday. The two countries are to sign in Riyadh 600 maps fixing their 657-kilometre border, which passes through part of the Rubas Ai Khali desert, one of the driest in the world. "These maps will be sent to the United Nations, the Arab League and the secretary general of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)," Oman's deputy agriculture minister, Sultan Ben Hamad Al Bussaidi, said. The GCC comprises Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Qatar, Bahrain and Oman. Oman and Saudi Arabia signed an accord in March 1990 to define their borders. In June, Oman settled its 20-year border dispute with Yemen, turning over Oman settled its 20-year border dispute with Yemen, turning over 5,000 square kilometre of territory to that neighbour. But Oman's border with the UAE has yet to be defined. Saudi Arabia and Yemen reached an accord in February to define their common border and technical committees have met to discuss the issue. Saudi Arabia's borders with Qatar and the UAE have also yet to be defined but pass through desert zones.



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Cabinet approves aid agreements

million) to Jordan's agricultural reform programme. The Cabinet, holding a regular meeting under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker, also approved an agreement with the German construction bank which will give five million marks (JD 2.5 million) to support Industrial Development Bank (IDB) projects and programmes. It also agreed to exchange memos of understanding with the Japanese government on a five million yen (\$250,000) grant for Radio Jordan. The Cabinet also approved an amendment to the sales tax law and decides to send it to Parliament.

Efforts under way for Mideast bank

AMMAN (Petra) - Minister of Industry and Trade Ali Abul Ragheb has said efforts were under way to establish a Middle East development bank at a capital of \$5 billion. In an interview with the London-based Middle East Television broadcast Saturday. Mr. Abul Ragheb said an international committee was following up issues related to the establishment of the bank. The minister said the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) economic summit, which will be held in Amman in October, will dis-cuss two kinds of projects, one regional and the other national, which will be carried out jointly by the private and public sectors. He said the project proposals which will be presented to the conference will be in three groups; the first 27 major projects, the second between To and 80 projects which will be prepared by the government and carried out by the private sector, and the third prepared by the private sectors to fit its needs. The minister voiced hope that the Amman summit will witness the declaration of the establishment of the regional de-

Yemeni leader plans Arab tour

velopment bank.

SANAA (R) — President Ali Abdullah Saleh is expected to tour four Arab countries next week in a bid to promote bilateral relations, an official Yemeni newspaper said. The weekly Al Wahdah paper said in an insourced report that the tour would include Qatar, Jordan, Syria and Egypt. It said Mr. Saleh would brief the leaders of the four countries "on the outcome of his talks with King Fand of Saudi Arabia

Zeroual meets Iraqi minister

ALGIERS (AFP) — Algera's President Liamine Zeroual met Saturday with Iraqi Justice Minister Shabib Al Malaki, who briefed him on efforts to get the United Nations Security Council to lift the embargo against Iraq. Mr. Malaki, a special envoy of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, was quoted by the official Algerian news agency APS as saying that Iraq had 'respected its commitments." He added that it was up to the Security Council to maintain "its commitments contained in paragraph 22 of resolution 687 authorising the export of Iraqi oil."

Egypt, EU seek partnership deal

CAIRO (AFP) - Egypt and the European Union (EU) are to hold talks in Brussels in a fresh bid to reach a new partnership accord, an Egyptian official said Saturday. Saad Al Farargi, deputy foreign minister, told reporters: Any accord with the European Union must take into account the success of Egypt's reform programme and guarantee measures to strengthen our industry." observation post was sur-

PLO, Israel move Cabinet on Saturday approved a draft accord with the German government under which Germany will give 30 million marks (JD 15 million) to Iowine's accord to I taly

GAZA CITY (Agencies) — that there was no other added. Palestinians and Israeli nego-alternative. Publicators are moving their talks Mr. Savir said Friday 60 lished to Italy next week to try to per cent of the agreement has the materials. conclude an agreement on Israeli troop redeployment from the West Bank, Pales-tine Liberation Organisation (PLO) officials said Satur-

A senior source close to the negotiations said talks were likely to extend beyond the official July 25 deadline set for reaching an accord because of a dispute over Palestinian security responsibilities in some parts of the West Bank.

Palestinian negotiator Hassan Asfour said the four existing sets of talks on various aspects were to be merged into one.

"Negotiating teams covering security and civil issues will be merged and one large Palestinian team and another large Israeli team will be holding intensive talks in Italy starting next week to con-clude an interim accord," Mr. Asfour told Reuters.

Mr. Asfour said the PLO hopes to conclude an interim agreement by the July 25 deadline, "but it is not important if we miss the deadline by days or a week, the most important thing is to conclude a good accord."

Chief Israeli negotiator Uti Savir echoed his words, saying "it would not be a disaster" if the deadline was missed.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Friday he believes the emerging accord to expand Palestinian rule would not bring security to Israelis in the short run, but terror will decrease?" he

already been formulated, and the final accord would be some 200 pages long. PLO leader Yasser Arafat

expressed hope Friday that Israel would respect the July 25 target date for a deal on the extension of Palestinian

"We hope that things de-velop as we would wish and that an accord is reached on July 25," Mr. Arafat told reporters during a visit to

"Israel has so far failed to apply" the next phase of autonomy which is a year behind schedule, said Mr. Arafat before returning to Gaza after talks with Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr

Mr. Rabin, in an interview with Channel Two television Friday, said there was no alternative to the emerging deal, but warned that security benefits from reaching peace with the Palestinians would only be apparent in the long

that a partial Israeli troop withdrawal in the West Bank would place the lives of the 140,000 Jewish settlers there in danger.
"Without a solution be-

Many Israelis have charged

tween us and the Palesti-nians, what would happen?" Mr. Rabin asked. "The alternative is that Hamas and Islamic Jihad will take control over the Palestinian establishment. And then

Public opinion polls pub-lished Friday indicated that the majority of Israelis be-lieve they would feel less safe once Palestinian policemen replace Israeli troops who redeploy from West Bank towns. In two separate polls, 53 per cent said they opposed the withdrawal.

Mr. Savir said Saturday lessons of Palestinian selfrule in Gaza would be applied to the extension of selfrule to the West Bank.

"Our conclusions are the Palestinians must, from the first day in the West Bank, act against any expression of terrorism. I think in Gaza they showed as soon as they show resolve they can do it, he said in an Israel Radio

The Palestinian National Authority (PNA) has cracked down on militants in Gaza. whom it accuses of trying to undermine the deal with a

campaign of violence.
Chief PLO negotiator 'Ahmad Qouriea told reporters after a Palestinian cabinet meeting on Saturday Israeli redeployment and Palestinian elections would be concluded by the end of the vear.

PLO officials said that Israel would redeploy from seven Palestinian towns and most of the 460 villages and refugee camps in the West Bank in the first phase of redeployment which will end 22-25 days before Palestinian elections.

Israeli negotiator Joel Singer was quoted on Friday as saying Israel would initially redeploy from six towns.



WIMBLEDON: Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor on Friday watch the semi-final tennis match at

Wimbledon between Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia and Pete Sampras of the United States (AFP photo)

Egypt rejects mediation with Sudan

MANAMA (Agencies) -Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Musa said Saturday that Cairo does not accept mediation in its rift with neighbouring Sudan.

"I do not think that mediation is called for between us and Sudan if intentions became sincere and if policies that trouble and irk many African, Arab and Islamic states are ended," he told reporters at a two-day meeting of the so-called Damascus declaration states — the Six Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) members, Egypt and Syria — which opened here

Saturday (see page 12). The GCC comprises Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Qatar and Bahrain. was not cle

does not want any mediation in its long-running dispute with Sudan. But Egypt accuses Sudan

of orchestrating an assassination attempt by extremists on Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Ethiopia June 26. Sudan denies that.

Mr. Musa's rejection of

would actually intervene. "President Hafez Al Assad pointed to the importance of abandoning anything which might negatively affect the Arab situation especially at

Arab mediation came as

Sudan's Minister for Pres-

idential Affairs Mehdi Ibra-

him Mohammad was in

Damascus, the Syrian capital

to urge Syria to intervene with its ally Egypt to cool tensions with Sudan.

According to officials in Damascus, Mr. Mohammad

delivered a letter to President

Hafez Al Assad Saturday

from Sudanese leader Omar

Hassan Al Bashir seeking Sy-

Joubran Kourieh said Mr.

Assad urged Sudan and

Egypt to resolve their differ-

ences, but gave no indica-

tions whether Mr. Assad

Presidential spokesman

rian intervention.

these critical circumstances.' Mr. Kourieh said. He said the message Sudanese envoy delivered to

Mr. Assad "deal with the Arab ties." Mr. Assad gave him a reply message, Mr. Kourieh said without giving further details about the messages. Mr. Musa denied know-

ledge of Mr. Mohammad's mission. He said Cairo is awaiting the outcome of investigations in Ethiopia to determine its next moves. Yemen and the Arab League have also been involved in efforts to defuse the crisis. Egypt and Sudan have

been at odds for years. Cairo alleges Khartoum supports Islamic militants battling Mr. Mubarak's secular regime. The June 26 assassination bid heightened tension and triggered border skirmishes. Sudan said Saturday it

would abide by its agreement with Egypt to share Nile River water but called on Cairo disputed border area as well. "Egypt should commit it-

self to joint agreements as Sudan does vis-a-vis these agreements," Sudan's Irrigation Minister Yagub Abu Shura said in the official Al Engaz Al Watani newspaper. He said Sudan was still

committed to the Nile water

agreement signed by Cairo and Khartoum in 1959, but added that Egypt must "equally commit itself to all agreements signed between the two countries, including the border agreement."

Sudan and Egypt have clashed over their border area of Halaib, along the Red Sea, where three Sudanese police officers and a soldier were killed last month by the Egyptian army, according to Khartoum.

Sudan claims that Halaib is part of its territory while Egypt says that the international border was established in 1899 during the period of British-Egyptian joint rule over the area. Sudan's Islamic religious

leader, Hassan Al Tourabi, has implied that Sudan might reconsider the Nile agreement in the face of Egyptian hostility, a threat that provoked a sharp reaction from

Sabadrat, Sudan's information minister, played down

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wounded in West Bank

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Five Palestinians and an Israeli were wounded in a West Bank clash on Saturday and another Israeli was stabbed and wounded in Jerusalem, Israeli and Palestinian sources said.

In the occupied West Bank town of Jenin Israeli troops shot and wounded five Palestinians, including a 13-year-old boy hit in the head and seriously hurt, during a clash with demonstrators, Palestinian sources said. The Palestinian sources said the soldiers opened fire on the demonstrators after trying to disperse them with tear-gas and rubber bullets. Hospital officials in Jenin said the seriously wounded boy was

later moved to an Israeli hos-

Palestinians identified the boy as Wasim Ghawdreh. Palestinian reporters said Ghawdreh was wounded during a solidarity protest with Palestinian prisoners in the West Bank city of Jenin.

Palestinian prisoners held in Israeli jails started a hunger-strike June 18, demanding their release as part of the Israel-PLO autonomy accord.

On Thursday inmates at six Israeli prisons ended their strike, but prisoners at three other prisons said they would continue to fast until Israel pledges to release all of the 5,500 Palestinians it holds.

An army statement said an Arab youth was seriously injured in Jenin Saturday when troops dispersed a large said.

Serbs assault town; Dutch

in the city with burning tires. The army said the crowd was hurling stones and fire bombs at the soldiers.

The youth was brought to the Israeli hospital of Ramban in Haifa for treatment, the statement said. An army: spokesman added that an Israeli border policeman was slightly injured in the con-

In Jerusalem Saturday, a 27-year-old Jew was stabbed and slightly injured in the hand. The victim was taken to hospital and police said they suspected Palestinians in the attack.

A few dozen Palestinians were rounded up for questioning, a police statement

tically over the last week.

On Wednesday, a rebel Serb plane, violating the "no-

fly" zone over Bosnia, rock-

eted government-held terri-

tory in the northwest. On

Thursday, hundreds of shells

rained down on U.N.

peacekeepers and civilians in

the U.N. "safe area" of Sreb-

renica. On Friday, European

Union (EU) peace envoy Carl Bildt twice escaped in-

jury when Bosnian Serbs

opened fire on a road on

which he was travelling and later his U.N. helicopter.

Bosnian Serb forces laun-

ched a furious assault on

Thursday morning sending

rockets crashing into Srebre-

nica town followed by tank

and artillery fire on front

lines to the south and north

Turkish incursion displaces thousands

ANKARA (R) — About 3,000 Iraqi Kurdish civilians have fled a Turkish antiguerrilla operation in north Iraq despite signs the raid is winding down, an Iraqi Kurdish official said on Saturday. They are not waiting about for the next bomb to fall on their head," Safeen

Dizayee, Ankara representa-

tive of the Kurdistan Demo-

cratic Party (KDP), told Reu-The United States, the main component of a Western allied air force protecting Iraq's Kurds from Baghdad since the 1991 Gulf war, has

strongly backed ally Turkey's assault. The drive against Kurdish Labour Party (PKK) guerrillas in the forbidding mountains of northern Iraq involved up to 3,000 troops backed at its height by air power. The incursion began

Turkish military authorities said on Friday that small groups of soldiers began to return to Turkey. Fourteen rebels were killed

at dawn on Wednesday.

on Saturday just inside Turkey, bringing the PKK death toll in the operation to 104 for the loss of six Turkish soldiers, security officials Turkey, criticised by some

Western allies for harming Iraqi Kurds in a similar action earlier this year, has stressed several times it is being careful to protect civilians. Mr. Dizayee said the civi-

lians, from 18 villages in the Mezuri and Mirgan Sur dis-tricts near the Turkish border, had fled south and west to join relatives in other vil-

Most are members of the influential Barzani clan of KDP leader Massoud Barzani. The KDP nominally controls the area.

There were no reports of civilian deaths but Mr. Dizayee said three Iraqi Kurds had been wounded. Two Iraqi Kurds abducted by Turkish troops in mid-week were still unaccounted for, he said.

It was not clear if any one incident caused the villagers to flee. Iraqi Kurds have in the past left their homes in great numbers to escape Iraqi government forces. Washington has backed

Turkey's operation as an act of legitimate self-defence against Kurdish extremists who often launch crossborder attacks from northern

Iraq.
"We fully support all legitimate Turkish efforts to combat the PKK, which as we've noted several times, is a vicious and deadly terrorist organisation that poses a genuine threat to security within Turkey," a State Department spokesman said.

"The Turkish government has further stated that the troops are now leaving northern traq and that the operation should be finished in a few days," spokesman Nicholas Burns said. Turkey drew the wrath of

some of its European allies when it sent up to 35,000 troops into northern Iraq in mid-March for an assault against the PKK that lasted six weeks.

Many PKK fighters evaded that push and soon reestablished their positions near the border to continue raiding Turkish security posts in their 11-year-old campaign for independence or autonomy in southeast Turkey.

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More than 60 dead in Somali clan war MOGADISHU (R) — At least 61 people have been innocent people.

killed in central Somalia and the capital Mogadishu in fighting between rival clan militias in the past week, Somalia sources and militia officials said on Saturday.

Most of the fighting took place in central Somalia between supporters of General Mohammad Farah Aideed's Habre Gedir clan and those of the Marehan clan of the Somali National Front (SNF) of late dictator Mohammad Siad Barre.

At least 31 people were killed in heavy mid-week fighting, SNF official Isse Ugas Tarabi told a news conference in north Mogadishu on Saturday.

More than 50 people were wounded, he added.

"Inter-clan skirmishes have risen in the three weeks since supporters of Aideed proclaimed him president of the whole of Somalia," Mr. Tarabi told reporters. "It is because people are a little more uncertain of political trends.'

A spokesman for Gen. Aideed's Somali National. Alliance (SNA) said that before the fighting broke out, mostly in Aideed-supporting villages in Galgadud, SNF militia had raided the area and killed 23 people to punish them for apparently back-

ing the wrong group.
Mr. Tarabi denied that, saying SNF militia were not "him president of the country.

Cairo. However, Abdul Basit

involved in any massacre of Somali sources said that among other deaths two people were killed and dozens

road to the airport in Mogadishu. Fighting then spread to the airport but died down in the night and on Saturday Moga-

wounded on Friday when riv-

al factions within the SNA

shot at each other along the

dishu remain calm. Mr. Tarabi said four Marehan clansmen had been killed in Mogadishu in the past three days, the body of one being found handcuffed on Mogadishu beach. He blamed their deaths of Aideed militia.

The SNA official blamed "blood feuds" for the fighting but Mr. Tarabi said jostling

for political power led to the fresh wave of fighting.

In Mogadishu, Gen.
Aideed on a visit to his radio. which he terms his information ministry, said that those who took part in the struggle for Somali emancipation would be honoured.

He also pledged that "the fruits of their treason" would go to those Somalis who he said had sided with the Horn of African country's enemies.

Three weeks ago, after Gen. Aideed was ousted as SNA chairman by his onetime financier. Osman Atto, in a party coup, Gen. Aideed's followers declared

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SARAJEVO (Agencies) — Bosnian Serb infantry attacked near the eastern Srebrenica enclave Saturday, temporarily surrounding U.N. peacekeepers in an observation post before allowing them to retreat. "There is little doubt that

One Dutch peacekeeper was killed when his group came under Bosnian government fire while withdrawing, said Jim Landale, a U.N. spokesman in Sarajevo. The United Nations called in North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) war-

planes to buzz the Srebrenica

enclave, but did not ask them

to strike, said Lieutenant-Colonel Gary Coward, another U.N. spokesman. The afternoon infantry assault followed an upsuree in Bosnian Serb tank shelling of the enclave and Srebrenica. "safe area," which left at

least three civilians dead and several others wounded since-Friday. Col. Coward said Bosnian Serb infantry attacked on the southeastern edge of the en-

clave, pushing north and

securing high ground above the main road. The U.N.

soldier killed in army fire rounded during the assault, but the group of 10 to 15 Dutch peacekeepers was later allowed to withdraw.

While withdrawing, the peacekeepers came under

the peacekeeper was shot by Bosnian government troops," said Alexander Ivanko, another U.N. spokesman in Sarajevo. "The observation post is very near the front line. It appears that while the Dutch were withdrawing from their post and moving north into that enclave, government troops opened fire on them."

It was the second U.N. observation post in the southem part of the enclave to be evacuated under fire in about a month, Serb forces have been slowly pushing north towards the enclave, apparently trying to force government forces and eacekeepers back from a key position overlooking an east-west Serb supply route on the southeastern edge of

Even by the standards of

Bosnia's three-year-old war,

fighting has worsened drama-

the enclave.

of the town. Fighting slowed on Friday but overnight and during Saturday the enclave was rocked by hundreds of explosions. In their offensive the Serbs have also targetted a U.N.

> was in the south of the enclave and also targetted on

compound in the enclave. The Dutch observation post attacked by the Serbs

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Libya welcomes Hurd's departure from office

TRIPOLI (AFP) — Libya on Friday welcomed the departure of Douglas Hurd as the head of the British

Foreign Office but warned that his success would be put to

the test over the Lockerbie blast. Former Foreign Secretary

Hurd, who resigned his post last week, "represented racism and hostility to Libya, the Arabs and Islam, believing it would boost his prestige, and has just ended up in the dustbin of history." the official Libyan news agency JANA

said. It did not, however, welcome Mr. Hurd's successor Malcolm Rifkind. "The appointment of a Jew to the

Foreign Office for the first time since the Second World

War proves that London no longer takes into account the feelings of Arabs," the agency said. Mr. Rifkind would be "put to the test" over his ability to put British interests

first, "especially in the policy he adopts to bring about a

rapprochement with the Libyan people and to resolve the Lockerbie affair," it added.

Iraq, Sudan sign oil cooperation deal

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq and Sudan have signed an agreement to ensure the implementation of joint oil projects, the government newspaper Al Jumhouriya re-

projects, the government newspaper Al Jumbourrya reported on Saturday. It said the deal focused on exploration, establishment of refineries and training of experts in the oil industry. Iraqi Oil Minister Amir Mohammad Rashid and the visiting Sudanese Energy and Mining Minister Salaheddin Mohammad Karrar signed the agreement, the paper said. General Rashid told Al Jumhouriya that Iraq was keen to boost "technical concernion with Sudan in

was keen to boost "technical cooperation with Sudan in

line with the distinguished relations between President

Saddam Hussein and General Omar Hassan Al Bashir." he

said cooperation between the two countries had resulted in

new gains for Sudan's oil industry. He did not elaborate. Mr. Karrar met President Saddam on Thursday and

Hizbollah reelects secretary-general

BEIRUT (AP) - The pro-Iran Hizbollah has reelected its

secretary-general, Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, for a new

two-year term. A terse Hizbollah statement published

Saturday in several Beirut daily newspapers said the

reelection came in a meeting of the party's Shoura Council,

a 12-man body that governs the Shiite Muslim fun-

damentalist group. The statement did not say where or

when the meeting took place. Sheikh Nasrallah, 42, had succeeded Sheikh Abbas Musawi, who was killed with his

wife and a five-year-old son in an Israeli helicopter ambush

in South Lebanon Feb. 16, 1992. The bearded, bespecta-

cled Nasrallah is close to the so-called pragmatists in Iran,

led by President Hashemi Rafsanjani. He also maintains good ties with Syria, Lebanon's main power broker. Under

his leadership, Hizbollah has upgraded its guerrilla war against Israeli troops and allied militiamen in an occupied

Egypt appeals for aid to remove landmines

CAIRO (AFP) — Egypt has asked Western nations for

border enclave in South Lebanon.

handed him a message from Gen Bashir.

* Arafat wants to move PNC to Gaza Strip

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat is seek-. ing to move the headquarters of the Palestine National Council (PNC) to the autonomous Gaza Strip, but many PNC members and the acting speaker of the council as well as several members of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Executive Committee are resisting the

Salim Zanoun, the acting speaker of the Amman-based council, was quoted as saying in the local press that Mr. Arafat, chairman of the PLO, had sent him a message to prepare for the move.
But, Mr. Zanoun said he was

not favourable to the move if only because moving the PNC to the Gaza Strip at this point in time would deprive it of independence because the territory remains under Israeli control.

According to Palestinian sources, most Amman-based members of the Palestinian parliament-in-exile are also

opposed to the move. Mr. Arafat is under Israeli pressure to convene the PNC and amend phrases in the PLO Charter that implicitly call for the elimination of the

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has reportedly told Mr. Arafat that an Israeli military redeployment in the West Bank - which is under negotiation now -would come only after the

phrases has been removed. Mr. Rabin and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres first raised the issue of eliminating the phrases in a meeting in Paris in mid-1994

The PLO chairman, who accepted the Israeli demand, has since been sounding out PNC members to convene a meeting in Gaza, where is based since July 1994 after launching self-rule in the

Gaza Strip and Jericho in

May. But many PNC members, including those who support the September 1993 Israel-PLO self-rule accord, oppose the move. They argue that convening the council in the Gaza Strip cannot come as long as Israel continues to occupy Palestinian lands.

In his comments carried in the local press on Saturday. Mr. Zanoun said any transfer of the PNC from Amman should come only after twothirds of the 18 members of the PLO Executive Committees agrees to the move.

"Moving the PNC to the Gaza Strip now will deprive the council of its independence," Mr. Zanoun was

quoted as saying.
According to Mr. Zanoun, several PLO Executive Committee members, including Mahmoud Abbas, architect of the self-rule accord, also oppose the move. He did not name others.

Palestinian sources said it was highly unlikely that Mr. Arafat would secure enough support in the full Executive Committee for his proposal. At least six members have

quit the committee.
"Furthermore, most PNC members, including a good number of independents, remain opposed to any move to tamper with the council, which they see as the last vestige of independent Palestinian decision making," said a PNC member resident in Amman.



KINKEL IN BEIRUT: German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel (centre) on Friday tours the war-devastated city centre of Beirut, where a multi-billion dollar reconstruction has been launched. Mr. Kinkel was in Beirut for a short visit

process, bilateral relations and German role in the recon-

Gaza gourmets spoilt for choice in restaurant boom

GAZA CITY (AFP) -Where once there was only hummus and felafel, today Gaza's gastronomers can pick from an unprecedented range of cuisines as restaurant after

restauraant opens up.
Thirteen months of Palestinian autonomy has seen a

boom in eating-out.
During 27 years of Israeli occupation, which ended in May 1994, the hours of darkness meant curfew and therefore either bed or clandestine resistance time. Today Gazans relish an

evening out like only those who have long been deprived "When we opened in 1992

we were the only restaurant on the sea-front," recalled

Yemen says

it has rebuilt

damage

SANAA (R) — Yemen has

rebuilt 80 per cent of areas

and services damaged during

a two-month civil war in

willon Aden-dased southern

secessionists were crushed by

forces loyal to Sanaa, Presi-

dent Ali Abdullah Saleh on

Addressing a military para-

de in Sanaa to mark the

occasion, labelled by official

media as "The Day of the

Great Victory," Mr. Saleh

said: "The government has

rebuilt about 80 per cent of

the damage caused by the

He gave no further details.

Official sources said the

rebuilding covered damaged

infrastructures and houses

mainly in the southern and

eastern provinces forming the

North and South Yemen

merged in an uneasy power-

sharing unity in May 1990.

Four years later an indepen-

dent state with Aden as its

capital was declared in the

south but was crushed when

Mr. Saleh's forces captured

Aden.

former South Yemen.

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"Lido" manager Nader Al Shurafa. But he has long since lost

every new restaurant takes away his diners. More than 20 restaurants have started up, leading to some lively competition.
In June "La Mirage"

his monopoly and moans that

opened its doors, just a few dozen metres down the road from the Lido. Now 22 waiters in yellow

shirts and black trousers serve an average of 250 customers each day.

"I decided to call my restaurant La Mirage and not the Le Mirage to pull in diners," said manager Bassel Eleiwa. "People are drawn to

On the menu, Gaza's high society goes for the fish with

spaghetti. Mr. Eleiwa, a canny businessman, already lists Palestinian International Cooperation and Planning Minister Nabil Shaath among his regulars.

He has also taken local customs into account and divided his establishment into three separte areas; a terrace overlooking the sea reserved for married couples, a communal dining room and a flat roof top for men only.

But the coast road is lined with cars bumper to bumper every evening heading for another restaurant, the

"I called my restaurant after the name of the town in northern Israel because the Palestinians recall it with nostalgia and because that's where my mother is from," said owner Ali Abu Middein.

"All my cooks and waiters used to work in Israel. They are real professionals," he

Beneath a paim roof, customers sit at the white tables, occasionally looking out across the Mediterranean waves, or drawing on a nargile pipe.
"I lived in the United

States for 12 years and 1 never saw such a beautiful

\$142 million to help pay for the removal of 23 million landmines left in the country from World War II, an Egyptian diplomat said Saturday. Munir Zahran, Cairo's

permanent representative to the United Nations in Geneva, told the daily newspaper Al Ahram the government wanted the money from the countries that planted the mines and would provide \$50 million itself. Nearly all the mines were left by Britain and Germany in the north of Egypt's western desert around Al Alamein, scene of a decisive tank battle in 1942 which stopped German and Italian forces advancing on Cairo. Mr. Zahran was speaking after attending an international conference in Geneva on removing mines around the world.

Britain, Egypt and U.S. hold Red Sea games

CAIRO (AFP) - Britain, Egypt and the United Stastes were holding the most important naval manoeuvres ever in the Red Sea, Egyptian newspapers reported Saturday. The week-long military exercise, which began on Wednesday involves warships from all three countries and Egyptian fighter jets in mock fighting north of the Halaib border zone which Egypt and Sudan dispute, the newspapers said. Sudan on Friday said the military exercise, which began at the Red Sea port of Safaga, was a threat to its security and accused Britain and the United States of plotting with Egypt to destabilise its Islamist military government. Khartoum has been involved in a war of words with Cairo since Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak implicated Sudan in a failed attempt to assassmate him in Addis Abab on

De Klerk seeks 'mutually profitable' ties with Tunis

TUNIS (AFP) - South African Vice President Frederik de Klerk said Friday his country was ready to establish close economic ties with Tunisia in "mutually profitable" areas.
Winding up a 24-hour visit to the country the former president told reporters it was necessary to "restructure" relations between the two countries before the first meeting of a joint commission scheduled for November in South Africa. During his visit he met President Zine Al Abidine Atrica. During this visit ne met President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali and a group of Tunisian businessmen headed by the head of the employers' association UTICA, Hedi Jilani. Mr. De Klerk said Pretoria would examine the feasibility of a direct air link between Tunisia and South Africa. effectively linking the northern and southern extremities of the continent. Tunis was the last stage of Mr. De Klerk's tour which took in Egypt and Switzerland where he attended the 50th anniversary of the creation of the United Nations.

Turkish reform fiasco threatens Ciller plans

ANKARA (AFP) — Turkey's courtship of the Euro-pean Union (EU) suffered an unexpected setback this week with the government's failure to push through a democratic reform of the country's constitution inherited from the last military regime.

Prime Minister Tansu Ciler was forced Thursday night to shelve indefinitely the reform of about 20 articles of the constitution promulgated in 1982 by the regime brough. to power by a military coup in

Amongst other things, the amendments would have given civil servants the same right as other workers to join a trade union and would have allowed unions and other associations to engage in political activity.

Another amendment would have lowered the age for voting or being elected to public office.

Yet another called for the supression of the constitution's preamble praising the 1980 coup d'etat.

Though the reform has not been completely abandoned and could be revived at the next parliamentary session in September, its prospects look increasingly gloomy at this

None of the amendments mustered the two thirds majority (300 votes out of 450) required for automatic adoption of a constitutional

If an amendment garners between 270 and 300 votes, then a referendum must be held to decide the issue. If there are fewer than 270

votes in favour the reform is On Thursday, a key

amendment to allow government employees to join a and bargain collectively was rejected with only 225 votes in favour. The rejection came as a

surprise because the amendment had been submitted jointly by the two partners in the ruling coalition and by the main opposition party.

These three parties: Ms. Ciller's True Path Party (DVP), the social-democratic People's Republican Party (CHP) of Deputy Prime Minister Hikmet Cetin and the Motherland Party (ANAP) of Mesut Yilmaz

have a total of 344 seats. But the most conservative of the DYP and ANAP deputies defected and voted instead with the Islamic Prosperity Party (Refah) in a

bloc hostile to the reforms. The Refah Party had warned in advance that it would oppose the constitutional reform because the project did not modify an article upholding the secular

nature of the state. Personal rivalry between Ms. Ciller and Mr. Yilmaz further contributed to the failure of the reform.

the error of grammar," he **Opening of Nefertari's Tomb** stirs debate on costs of tourism

tomb of Queen Nefertari will soon open to the public, with visitors required to wear masks and shoe-coverings to protect the vivid yet delicate

paintings.
But the imminent arrival of tourists has set off a debate between those eager to rejuvenate Egypt's sagging tourism industry and others who worry that exposure to the masses will destroy the queen's legacy.

Nefertari, or "the most beautiful," was the wife of Ramses II, who reigned over Egypt from 1304 B.C. to 1236 B.C., one of the greatest periods of ancient Egyptian civilisation.

Her tomb was bewn inside a mountain in the arid Valley of the Queens, the royal burial ground in Luxor for the wives and sons of the pharaohs. Early on, grave robbers stole her mummy.

But her presence is felt in the tomb's paintings — some that look like they were crafted only years ago. The murals show the queen with a serene face wearing a white dress topped with a seethrough cape. In other images, she stands gracefully in thin slippers with nails and toes painted white, or dressed in different wigs and ear-

On the ceiling, yellow stars At the parade, Mr. Saleh conferred medals on the names of about 3,000 military were painted on a blue back-"martyrs" killed during the ground to represent the skies

The fragility of the tomb's paintings has led some archaeologists to warn that even the surgical masks and shoe coverings tourists must wear will not adequately protect the murals.

Miguel Angel Corzo, director of the J. Paul Getty Conservation Institute, which mounted a major project to save the tomb, said if 125 people stayed in the tomb for an hour, their breathing would produce the equivalent of three gallons of water poured on the walls.

Italian archaeologist Paolo Mora, who with his wife, Laura, headed the restoration team, recommended that fewer than 10 people be allowed in every hour to keep the humidity down. He also suggested draping transparent curtains across the paintings once tourists arrive in November.

"The fat people will rub against the paintings and will touch the walls," he said. "There are some very narrow comidors."

The tomb was discovered in 1904 by Italian archaeologist Ernesto Schiaparelli. Many of the 160 square metres of paintings were already in bad shape -- seeping water dried into salt crystals that broke off the plaster. Parts of the paintings eroded into coloured dust.

Past preservation efforts

paintings together eventually pulled down the colours because the fabric was too

In 1986, the Getty insti-tute, based in Marina del Rey, California, began the latest conservation effort. Several restoration

methods were employed, inthe tomb's original material and mixing it with a little water. The scientists brushed away dust and polished the paintings with special solvents. About 10,000 strips of fine-grained Japanese mulberry bark paper were applied to the cracks. Abdul Halim Noureddin,

director of the Egyptian Antiquities Organisation, insists the tomb is in good enough condition to allow for the opening. In addition, he said, "we want the tourism." A three-year campaign by

militants to overthrow Egypt's secular government has scared away many tourists, costing Egypt an esti-mated \$3 billion in lost re-

Mr. Noureddin said an inspector will keep an eye on visitors inside the tomb. He promised only eight people would be allowed to enter every hour and said temperature and humidity would be monitored.

"Nobody can really care for our antiquities more than us," he said.

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Presenting their credentials as non-resident ambassadors were Ernesto Rogalis of Venezuela, Daniel Buchan of Croatia, Hugh Swift of Ireland, Nguyen Kai of Vietnam, Cristos

Ioannou of Cyprus and Hector Cardenas of Mexico.

The ceremonies were attended by Chief of the Royal Court Marwan Al Qassem, Deputy Prime Minister and Acting Foreign Minister Abdul Rawabdeh.

Amman to host Asian trade meeting

GENEVA (Petra) - Sharif Fawwaz Sharaf, the Kingdom's permanent representative at the United Nations European headquarters in Geneva, said Jordan welcomed a proposal by the ministers of industry and trade in Asian countries to hold a meeting in Amman between January 7 and 12 of

next year. Sharif Fawwaz was speaking during a special meeting attended by the Asian group to discuss the nature, venue and date of the proposed

meeting. The meeting is considered part of the ongoing preparations for the ninth United Nations Conference on Trade and Development's (UNCTAD) meeting which convenes in the spring of next year.

In his address to the meeting, Sharif Sharaf said that His Majesty King Hussein was keen on backing measures on economic development and cooperation among Asian nations. Asian ministers of indus-

try and trade held meetings in Jakarta, Colombo, Baghdad, Dakka, and Pyong Yang between 1967 and 1991.

According to Sharif Fawwaz, the 1996 conference will address global development policies, international trade, development schemes and the work of world economic organisations.

He said at least 45 ministers from Asian nations will



Sharif Fawwaz Sharaf

take part in the 1996 conference which will be preceded by a meeting of senior officials in these countries.

PSD gears up security for municipal elections

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN -- With the approach of the July 11 municipal elections, security measures are in top gear to ensure that the process runs smoothly before, during and after the elections, security sources said Saturday.

Colonel Mahmoud Obeidat, director of the Public Relations Department at the Public Security Department (PSD), said that for the past three months the department has worked on security measures for the elections.

"We are fully prepared for any sort of disturbance,

with the process," Col. Obeidat said Col. Obeidat said he was confident that the elections

would run smoothly. According to the police official, the only possible disturbances might occur when the official results are

announced. "We have not experienced any serious incidents in the past except celebratory shootings, but we intend to prevent those, as well," the official added.

He said that gunshot incidents usually occur in places familiar to the authorities, but he did not elaborate.

Meanwhile, Civil Defence

pared to handle any emergency which may arise on election day. He added that all CDD

Saturday said they are pre-

employees have been required to report to work for the week prior to election day, and that no vacation requests would be approved until after the elections.

A new municipalities law enacted last year set a unified date for the elections of the now 259 councils in the

Last year, the government dissolved all elected city councils, substituting them

grant given by the Overseas Development Administration (ODA), an arm of the AMMAN - The govern-British government.

By a Jordan Times

Staff Reporter

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Greater Amman's Water

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The grant raised to 21 mil-

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Jordan's water sector since

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water shortages into the future

The ODA also financed another study on the Qa Disi reservoir dealing with an actual assessment of the acquifier.

That study was completed this month.

Qa Disi is a vital component in Jordan's mediumterm plans to address the water shortage in Amman. The underground reservoir contains what experts describe as the "oldest fossil water" on earth suitable for drinking.

But overpumping from the acquifier and the use of Disi for agricultural purposes have been severely criticised by experts who point out that the reserves are not replenishable.

The third contract signed on Saturday was to build a workshop for the Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ) in Russeifa outside Amman. A local firm was given the JD 2.25 million contract.

Financing for the project came from an \$7 million grant aid from the Japanese government. The aid agreement will be signed by the head of the Water Authority of Jordan and Japanese officials in Tokyo this week.

Meanwhile, Finance Minister Basel Jardaneh and Mr.Irsheidat also signed another agreement with a local consortium of banks to raise JD 15 million in loans to be used in the water sec-

The contracts for studies and the work shop as well as



Minister of Water and Irrigation Saleh Irsheidat and German officials Sunday sign a contract for a hydraulic analysis of Greater Amman's water supply system (Petra

the loan agreement are seen as taking the authorities a step closer to realising solutions to the acute water shortages in Jordan through setting up new projects and

Government takes major steps to address

Ministry signs 3 contracts for studies in water sector situation

making available more water to residents. The analysis to be conducted on the Amman water supply system falls in line with the government's plan to replace the old worn-out pipelines in the network to avoid leakages, which, at

some points, are estimated at

half the pumped water. The study will come up with an inventory of existing facilities, analysis of population densities and water supply situation within Amman Governorate, and identify problems and solu-

'Burnt market' capers begin to unfold

It will also include recommendations on how the present system could be restructured, monitoring could be improved and the best costefficiency could be assured. The study will also include

"rehabilitation" strategy and cost assessment as well as a definition of priority In the case of the Disi

acquifier, a planned project calls for laying a pipeline to carry up to 100 million cubic metres of water every year from the reservoir to

The study awarded on Saturday involves the first stage of the project, and is expected to be completed in nine months starting in August.

Project designs and tender documents etc. will be handled in the second stage.

The Russeifa workshop is aimed at increasing the efficiency of WAJ maintenance staff and improving their capabilities to repair water installations and equipment. The Japanese grant will include part of the equip-

ment to be used at the workgovernment has The drawn up projects worth more than JD 500 million in the water sector.

The projects are expected to be presented at the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) economic summit to be held in Amman in

interference of tampering carDepartment (CDD) officials councils. Suez Canal Authority agrees to discount on some Aqaba-bound cargo — ports official

AMMAN (J. T.) -- Director grain, both imported and start today. General of the Jordanian Ports Corporation (JPC) Dureid Mahasneh, Saturday returned to Amman following talks in Cairo on organising maritime transport between the Suez Canal and

During the three-day talks the two sides agreed on a special discount from the Suez Canal Authority (SCA) on fees normally levied on Aqaba-bound cargo vessels crossing the canal.

Shipping agents have been concerned that with the signing of the peace treaty between Jordan and Israel last October, shipping activities to Aqaba would decline drastically as access to subcontinent destinations would be opened up on less expensive routes via Israeli ports on the Mediterranean.

-The proposed -- discount -will be 20 per cent on containers and 10 per cent on

exported, according to Dr. Mahasneh.

Dr. Mahasneh said that the two sides discussed the prospect of a partial exemption on canal toll fees for Jordanian exports of phosphates and potash and added that the SCA is expected to forward a decision on this issue by the middle of this

According to Dr. Mahasneh, such a discount would mean an estimated savings of several million dollars.

He said that the JPC will soon announce reductions on fees for ships docking at Aqaba port to encourage maritime trade into and out of the port city.

Meanwhile a Jordanian-Egyptian technical committee Saturday met in Amman to discuss economic and _trade_ links _ between _ the _ countries and to prepare for a ministerial meeting due to

Mohammed Smadi, Ministry of Industry and Trade secretary general who led the Jordanian team to Saturday's meeting, told Jordan Television that the two sides discussed means of promoting trade exchanges and the removal of obstacles in the movement of goods into each other's markets.

These meetings are in implementation of the resolutions passed by the Jor-danian-Egyptian Higher Committee which convened in Cairo two months ago under the co-chairmanship of Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker and his Egyptian · counterpart, Atef Sidki, said Dr.Smadi.

Today's ministerial committee will be co-chaired by Minister of Industry and Trade Ali Abul Ragheb and his Egyptian counterpart, Mahmoud Mohammad Mahmoud.

items from wholesalers and would seek big quantities of By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter AMMAN - The fallout of

the so-called "burnt market" prices in the market for cash. wholesalers and dealers who where consumer products and household items are sold at unbelievably below-cost prices - is slowly unfolding, with dozens of cases of defaulting merchants being reported by bankers and businessmen.

Several of the "burnt market" merchants -- con-men in other words - are missing from their usual haunts, and some of them are believed to have fled the country, the bankers and businessmen

At least one of them was recently arrested in Egypt by Interpol upon a request by_ Jordanian police and sent back to Jordan to face trial, according to sources.

The alleged background of the man is similar to many others: Buying consumer products and household

Some traders have suc- had been taken in by the "Liquidity is the key to the cessfully managed to continue the business despite the actual losses they suffered because they skillfully circulated others' funds to keep creditors happy, according to reports.

For obvious reasons, none of them has been identified by name.

The case of the man extradited from Cairo involves up to JD 2.5 million in televisions, refrigerators, radios and other electronic and appliances, electrical according to reports.

The reports said the man used to approach wholesalers and dealers and do a few legitimate deals with prompt payment.

"Then comes the bust," said a trader who is familiar with the case. "The man

dealers at regular prices goods and guarantee payagainst post-dated cheques ment with a post-dated and selling them at half cheque. Obviously the prompt initial dealings did not hesitate to supply the goods against post-dated cheques.

"Obviously at some point the going got too rough for the man after his commitments got too big for any more stalling," said the trader, who did not want to be identified. "He ran away to

Police traced him to Egypt and requested help from Interpol, which arrested the man and sent him back." According to the trader, it

is highly unlikely that the man would be able to settle the payments. Even if he manages that,

he is still liable for prosecution for issuing cheques without balances, lawyers banking executive, "it is only one case among dozens, perhaps hundreds" that he had heard about.

burnt market'," said the executive, who also did not want to be identified. "If you have liquidity -

legitimate or illegitimate then you are in a good position in the market, and can easily move Ibrahim's hat to Osama and vice-versa," said the executive, using a popular expression.

There is not estimate available on the amount involved in the burnt market, but market observers say it could run into tens of millions of dinars.

They cite the amount involved in bounced cheques reported by banks as one of the indicators of the phenomena.

According to banking experts and businessmen, the "burnt market" has not

According to a senior only led to serious losses to some of them but has also depressed the market since many consumers turned to the cut-throat prices the market offered.

"Can you imagine anyone coming to the regular market and paying JD 450 for a television set when he could get the same set for around JD 200 or JD 250 in the burnt market," asked a dealer of electrical appliances in downtown Amman.

"It is we, those who have invested our own savings and loans at high interest rates from the banks, who are suffering," added the

Market analysts say consumer awareness is the key to solving the problem. But in a market like Jordan's, where the average man's purchasing power is limited. it is very difficult to raise consumer awareness at this point in time, they say.

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed times and places with the concerned institutions.

"Gettysburg" (parts I & II), at the American Center at 5:00 p.m. Japanese film, with subtitles in Arabic, "Bu Su," at the Samir Rifai Auditorium of the University of Jordan, at 5:30 p.m.

By Munir Bashir at Darat Al Funun at 7:30 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

Paintings by Muhannad Bushnaq at Balqa Art Gallery in Fuheis.

Paintings by Adnan Yahyah at Darat Al Funun

Paintings by Bernadette Gerges and Rita Gerges, entitled, "Lebanon Tomorrow," at the Royal Cultural Centre.

Paintings by Jordanian Artist Muhammad Majali at the Phoenix Gallery of Culture and

Works by Iraqi artist Tahija Al Hakim at Ab'ad Art Gallery.

Exhibition demonstrating the development of cinema over the past century at the French

Works by Jordanian and Iraqi artists at Orfali Gallery.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rawabdeh reviews cooperation with Islamic cultural group

AMMAN (Petra) - Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education Abdul Raouf Rawabdeh Saturday met with Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation Abdul Aziz Tuweijiri. Dr. Tuweijiri voiced his appreciation of the support extended by the Jordanian government to his organisation, whether in terms of active participation in its programmes and activities or in terms of Jordan honouring its financial commitments to the organisation. Dr. Tuweijiri also commended the cooperation existing between the organisation and the national committee of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) on the one hand and the Ministry of Education on the other, praising Jordan's distinguished role in implementing educational projects and programmes.

Jordan, Oman discuss educational assistance

AMMAN (Petra) -- Ministry of Education Secretary General Izzat Jaradat Saturday said the ministry was ready to offer every possible assistance and expertise to Oman in educational fields. Meeting with Chairman of the Omani Contracting and Secondments Committee Ahmad Zubeidi, who is currently visiting the Kingdom to interview Jordanian teachers selected to work in Oman.

Tarshihi heads for conference in Cairo

AMMAN (Petra) - Director General of the Palestinian Affairs Department Ibrahim Tarshihi Monday left for Cairo to head Jordan's delegation at a conference of supervisors of Palestinian affairs in Arab countries. The week-long conference will discuss issues pertaining to the Palestinian cause, including Israeli settlement activities in the occupied territories, the financial conditions of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), as well as the economic and social conditions in the Palestinian territories.

New road expected to ease Amman traffic pressure

AMMAN (Petra) - Prime Sharaf road. Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Following Shaker Saturday opened a new road recently built by the Greater Amman Municipality, linking Wadi Al Qaisieh near the Ras Al Ain Qaisieh near the Ras Al Ain million to build, was district with Queen Zein Al designed and completed in

Following the official opening ceremony Amman Mayor Mamdouh Abbadi told Jordan Television that the road, which cost JD 1.6

two months. The new road runs parailel to Zahran Street and is expected to reduce traffic from the fourth circle to the eighth circle by providing a new route to the western parts of Amman.

Contractors call for active private, public sector role in MENA summit

AMMAN (Petra) - The Jordanian Contractors' Association (JCA) Saturday called for the active cooperation of private and public sectors in the preparations for the October Middle East and North Africa (MENA) summit in Amman.

A large part of the proposed projects to be submitted to the conference are infrastructure schemeswhich means that the contractors' sector should play a significant role in the organisation of the meeting, said JCA president Mohammad Murad.

The Ministry of Planning has compiled proposals for 30 economic projects estimated at a cost of \$4 billion to be submitted to the con-

The Jordanian contractors have stepped up their contacts with Arab and foreign delegations planning on attending the conference to ensure their full participation in the discussions, said Mr. Murad.

Not only has the JCA encouraged Arab and foreign businessmen to take an active part in the coming summit, but it has also participated in all governmentsponsored preparations for the summit and has arranged for the submission of specific projects to foreign investors, said Mr. Murad.

He urged the government to involve Arab organisations in the preliminary process and to advance inter-Arab coordination in

matters related to the conference to ensure its success.

In remarks about the preparations for the summit in October, Jordanian economist Bassam Saket said that although the pace of. preparations is generally satisfactory, greater effort on the part of the private sector is needed to boost those of the public sector.

Dr. Saket, who is also

board chairman of Jordan Cement Factories, said all proposals for economic development should be linked to the export market.

Proposals from the public sector deal with infrastructure, roads, water dams. transport, telecommunications, railways, electricity and tourism.

Peace talks postponed amid new tension, violence in Karachi

KARACHI (AFP) — Talkš between the Pakistani government and the Mohajir Qaumi Movement (MQM) aimed at ending the bloodshed here, were postponed Saturday as fresh violence claimed more lives in the troubled city.

The delay in the talks.

scheduled for Sunday in Islamabad, came after a local MQM leader died in police custody amid claims by the ethnic-based movement that he was tortured by police.

Both government officials and the MQM, which represents Urdu-speaking migrants from India who came here after the 1947 partition of the sub-continent, confirmed the postponement of

the meeting.
In Islamabad, Law Minister Nabi Dad Khan, who was to head the government. negotiating team appointed by Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, abruptly cancelled a scheduled news conference on the talks.

His aides confirmed that Sunday's planned meeting with the MQM had been put off until a date to be set. adding that the government would issue a statement at a later stage to explain the

reasons for the delay.
Ajmal Dehlvi, MQM's chief negotiator, meanwhile said here that the govern-ment had proposed that the two delegations should meet for talks in the national capit-

But he said he was uncertain whether the date would be acceptable to his party and added that the MQM would make a decision after receiving instructions from its chief, Altaf. Hussain, who lives in self-exile in London.

His colleague, Tariq Javed, who is a part of the five-member MQM negotiating team, said it would require "lot of courage on our part" to sit down with the government amid the prevailing ten-

sions dividing the two sides.

The second postponement in the week since the two sides agreed to enter talks on restoring peace in Karachi came as MQM called for a two-day mourning period from Sunday to protest the death of an MQM official in police custody.

The party alleged that Asiam Subzwari, a local MQM leader, had been tortured to death by police. while the government said Mr.Sabzwari, 35, had died of a heart attack. The MQM has dismissed the explanation and said his body bore signs of excessive torture.

A senior government official said a judicial probe had been ordered.

The mourning period raised fears of an escalation of the violence in Karachi, as previous such events have led to widespread bloodshed in the city, which has seen more than 900 killings this year.

now in Malaysia on an official visit, has blamed MQM for "terrorism" in Karachi, while the party accuses her government of victimising the Urdu-

speaking community. Fresh violence meanwhile claimed three more lives in Sind province, of which Karachi is the capital, following the announcement of the postponement of the groundbreaking talks without a new date being set.

Snipers killed two people in this strife-torn city, while a police constable was killed in Hyderabad when gunmen attacked a police station, officials here said.

Another policeman was iniured in the raid on the police post in Hyderabad, 160 kilometres (100 miles) north-

The new deaths came after seven people were killed in Karachi Friday at the start of a second two-day weekly strike which is part of a phased protest strategy un-veiled by the MQM last month in reaction to the alleged gang rape of a girl and the recent murder of a party leader.

Karachi, the country's largest city and its economic powerhouse, remained paralysed by the strike Saturday, while reports said that life had virtually ground to a standstill in Hyderabad as partial strikes were called in several other towns.

"Sporadic heavy shooting Prime Minister Bhutto. has been going on in Hyderabad since late Friday night, a resident said by telephone.

The talks were set after a climb-down by both sides ---Islamabad giving up its stand that MQM cadres first surrender arms and renounce violence, and the MOM putting aside its insistence that the government talk directly with the MQM chief in London.

Ms. Bhutto said Saturday that talks with an opposition party were only "the starting point" in easing sectarian violence in Karachi, apparently unaware that the meeting had postponed.

The talks with the MOM would be conducted by a committee formed under Pakistan's Law Ministry, she told a news conference.

"We assume this is the starting point. They will give certain demands and the government will give certain demands," she told a predeparture press conference in

Kuala Lumpur. Ms. Bhutto maintained that the fighting was isolated in just one district in Karachi and said the rest of her country still had economic opportunities to offer foreign inves-

"As far as the city of Karachi is concerned, there are five districts and the Altaf group holds sway in only one district," she said Saturday, referring to the MQM leader Altaf Hussain, currently in self-exile in London.



This photo taken from a Japanese television station NHK broadcast shows North Korean de facto leader Khu Jong-D making his

the first anniversary of the death of his father Kim Il-Sung. Kim Il-Sung died July 8, 1994. At left is an unidentified officer of the Korean Peoples Army (AFP photo)

Kim Jong-Il attends opening of . memorial palace for Kim-Il-Sung

SEOUL (AFP) - North Korea's reclusive leader Kim Jong-II Saturday made his second high-profile appearance in two days to dedicate an eternal shrine containing his father's embalmed remains, television reports showed.

In front of thousands of North Koreans, and accompanied by senior party officials, the junior Kim, 53, cut a red ribbon to the Kumsusan Palace, kim-Il Sung's old residence on the northern edge

of Pyongyang. The massive ceremony marked the first anniversary of the death of Kim Il-Sung, and officially opened to pub-lic view the red-flag-drapped mummified remains of the man known as the world's last Stalinist leader.

"The plaza of the palace was crowded with tens of thousands of people from all walks of life," the North's state run Korea Central News Agency (KCNA), monitored in Tokyo said.

"Comrade Kim Jong-Il, together with the senior party and state officials, made a bow to President Kim-II Sung in great reverence," KCNA

The younger Kim, who appeared Friday night at a massive memorial service. looked fit and attentive on both occasions, though he remained silent, viewers of both ceremonies shown by Japanese TV stations, said.

At the time of the elder Kim's funeral last year, Kim Jong-II had looked pale, thin and haggard, causing speculation that he was too ill to assume the leadership of North Korea for which he had been groomed for the past 20 years.

However, analysts here and in Tokyo said that the bespectacled Kim Jong-Il's relatively robust appearance at the anniversary, speeches hailing him as "another Kim Il-Sung" and other hints indicate he may soon formally take over the leadership of the fanatically isolationist state.

The positions of state president and party general secretary, the two top posts held by Kim Il-Sung, have remained vacant since the elder Kim's death, reportedly of a heart attack July 8 last

Kim-Jong-II has in the ensuing 12 months remained

China holds U.S. rights activist as a spy

million-strong armed forces, with diplomats from Pyongyang saying only that it was not seemly for his to assume formal leadership while the country was in deep mourn-

On Friday a report released by a South Korean government-funded think tank said that North Koreans were rehearsing a song celebrating Kim Jong-Il's elevation to the post of party general

The song has not yet been sung in public, but contains the phrase: "Marshal Kim Jong-Il has ben upheld as Workers Party General Secretary — Rejoice and celebrate," the Institute for National Unification said.

The institute also said inscriptions on statues of the elder Kim were being changed to read "Beloved Father Kim Il-Sung" instead of Great Leader.

But Saturday KCNA said the crowds flocking to the giant bronze statue of Kim Il-Sung on Pyongyang's Man-sn Hill, as well as to the Kumsusan, were hailing the older Kim as "Immortal" and as "The Great Leader."

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MANILA, Philippines (AP)

— Former President Corazon Aquino snubbed the baptism of the son of her daughter Kris, who is living with a married actor nearly twice her age. Mrs. Aquino has vehemently opposed her daughter's romance with actor Philip Salvador. He is seeking annulment of his marriage to his Filipino wife. who now lives in New York. "We just want a peaceful baptism. please," Salvador pleaded to a horde of reporters, photographers and television crews who flocked to the Santuario De San Antonio Church in Forbes Park, a wealthy enclave in suburb Makati City. Ms. Aquino cradled her month-old son. Joshua Phillip Anthony Joseph. as she tried to keep the harsh camera lights away from him. "He's very heal-thy," she told reporters. "But, you know, the lights are going to bother him." An elder sister, Viel, was the only one of Kris' four siblings who attended the baptism. Mrs. Aquino has said she could accept; her new grandson, but she refuses to acknowledge Salvador. Kr Aquino, the youngest child, left the family home in November last year already three months pregnant, creating a scandal for Mrs. Aquino, a devout Catholic who has stressed the "sanctity of marriage" and made no secret of her dislike for her daughter's lover. Kris Aquino went back home for the first time shortly after she delivered the baby in June to show him to the other members of her family.

Pavarotti, father return to the scene

LANGOLLEN, Wales (AP) — Luciano Pavarotti and his father returned Friday to the Welsh town where a performance 40 years ago set the young tenor on the road to operatic stardom. Eighteen-year-old Luciano and his father, Fernando, sang together at the 1955 Llangollen International Music Festival as members of the choir from their home town of Modena, Italy, which won the competition. "When people ask what is the most memorable day in my life I always say it was when I won the with all my friends," Pavarotti told a delighted crowd from the stage at Llangollen. His father, now 83, was at his side. The choir's victory and the atmosphere of the festival was the spark that inspired Pavarotti to give up his planned career as a teacher and become a professional tenor. He said singing in the competition interfered with studies for his teaching exams. The exam was a disaster but believe me, I would do the same again," he grinned.
"Many people came to see and hear us prepare. They said if you are lucky you will come 12th," because those judges wouldn't give away
the first prize." "I said to my
father 'papa, if we sing like
that we will win'." "You know the rest' he added. Both Pavarottis will sing again Sunday night with

of inspiration

members of the Modena

plomats access to Mr. Wu. Judge allows prosecution evidence in Simpson case

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Photos of two slashed murder victims and the types of knives that could have killed them will be in the hands of O.J. Simpson's jurors when they deliberate murder charges, the judge ruled.

Also Friday, Judge Lance Ito admitted in evidence a picture of a butcher knife on Nicole Brown Simpson's kitchen counter, although it has not been linked to any violence. Prosecutor Marcia Clark floated a new theory that perhaps Ms. Simpson tried to arm herself with the knife when she heard her killer approaching.

In a hearing setting the stage for the defence to open its case Monday, attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr. reluctantly divulged some details of his first witnesses, including Simpson's 9-year-old

daughter, Sydney. Mr. Cochran didn't disclose the name of his first witness, but sources close to the case said it would be Arnelle Simpson, the defendant's older daughter from his first marriage.

Mr. Cochran said he hoped to avoid calling Sydney in

for an interview. Ms. Clark said she would try to arrange it. Mr. Cochran said the girl's statement about what she heard the night of the murders could be read into the

record.
"She said she heard her mommy talking to mommy's best friend and crying, and we feel that is very relevant," Mr. Cochran said.

Sydney and brother Justin, who now live with their maternal grandparents, were asleep inside when Ms. Simp-son and her friend Ronald Goldman were killed outside her condominium on June 12,

The Browns' laywer, Gloria Allred, said she had received no request for an interview with Sydney so it was premature to say if one might be granted.

The children should be spared and not he forced to become part of this trial. I think they have suffered enough," Ms. Allred said. "I'm appalled that Mr. Simpson or his defence team would want to drag either or both of the children through

A day after the prosecution rested, Judge Ito quickly disposed of a routine defence motion to dismiss the charges on grounds that prosecutors failed to prove their case, "I believe at this point the prosecution has met the bur-den as required," the judge

Simpson, the former football star who turns 48 Sunday, has pleaded innocent and faces life in prison if convicted.

The defence fought to keep away from deliberating jurors the grotesque photographs showing the victims' bodies. Attorney Carl Douglas said jurors were sickened when they saw them in court and would be even more distressed by having so many colour pictures in a small space.

The judge allowed all but one photo, a close-up of Goldman's wounds. But he permitted a similar photo to be used with a portion cropped out.

Ms. Simpson and Goldman were stabbed to death outside the front entrance, and prosecutors claim the killer parked in the rear and escaped that way.

Prosecutor Christopher Darden, meanwhile, deman-

ded to know more about defence witness plans, and Mr. Cochran reluctantly provided some details, although he in-sisted he shouldn't be forced to preview his case.

violated it.

Mr. Cochran confirmed that the drug abuse of Ms. Simpson's friend Faye Resnick would be raised. The defence claims Ms. Resnick, author of a book about the Simpsons' relationship, may have been the real target of killers trying to collect a drug debt. He said Ms. Resnick's former boyfriend would testify about an "intervention" he and Ms. Simpson conducted at her condominium to get Ms. Resnick off drugs.

Simpson's sister Carmelita Durio and mother, Eunice, also were on the witness list. and sources have said they probably will testify about Simpson's demeanor in the days after the slayings.

Arnelle Simpson, who lived on her father's estate, also was with him during that time. And she testified at his preliminary hearing about being awakened by police who entered Simpson's estate without a warrant hours after the bodies were found.

Experts to dig up infamous killer cowboy's remains

LIBERTY, Missouri (AFP) - Scientists hope that digging up the bones in the grave of cowboy outlaw legend Jesse James will settle the mysteries surrounding the death of the frontier legend. A Circuit Court Judge approved the exhumation of James' remains, granting law and fore-nisic sciences Professor James Starrs from George Washington University permission to examine the skeleton. The investigation is aimed at finding out if the body is indeed James' and if so, how he was shot. According to legend, the infamous robber died April 3, 1882 in St. Joseph, Missouri when a member of his gang Bob. Ford, reportedly shot him in the head to collect a reward. Mystery has surrounded the question of whether it really was James who was shot and whether Ford was the sole gunman or if his brother shot# at the same time. Starrs, who will lead a 15-member team. will have to dig up the remains by August, and rebury them within 90 days. The grave is located in Kearney. northwest of Kansas City.

Kohl pays tribute to Auschwitz dead OSWIECIM, Poland (R) --Earlier, Mr. Kohl, accom-

German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, grim-faced and silent, paid tribute Saturday to the dead at the former Nazi Germany's Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp. His guide was Polish Fore-

ign Minister Wladyslaw Battoszewski, once a prisoner of the camp, in which about 1.5 million people were murdered by the occupying German forces during World In the guest book at Birke-

nau, the death factory where Germans gassed more than one million people transported from all over occupied Europe, Mr. Kohl wrote: "This suffering and death. this pain and tears make us

silent. Our shared remember-

ance and grief as well as our

will to be together are our hope, are our way." Mr. Bartoszewski, who despite his wartime suffering is a leading advocate of reconciliation between Poles and Germans, handed Mr. Kohl a three volume book of death, listing names of those who perished in the camp.

NEW DELHI (R) — India

Saturday ordered a magis-

trate's inquiry into the death

in a New Delhi hospital of

47-year-old fugitive tycoon

Rajan Pillai, who was facing

extradition to Singapore for

sentencing on a fraud convic-

The lieutenant-governor of

Delhi, P.K. Dave, ordered

the investigation to deter-

mine the circumstances which

led to Pillai's death Friday.

The probe, to be con-

ducted by the deputy com-

missioner for Delhi, D.M.

Sapolia, is scheduled to be

king" who once controlled a \$570 million food-processing

empire, was bleeding pro-

fusely from his nose and

mouth and died two hours

after he was taken from De-

Pillai, the so-called "biscuit

completed in 15 days.

officials said.

schwitz's main gate still bearing the infamous, ironic German phrase "arbeit macht frei (work makes you free)." He also laid a wreath at a wall where thousands of victims were shot. This was Mr. Kohl's

second visit to Auschwitz, located in southern Poland near the town of Oswiecim. The other was in November 1989 on his first official trip to At that time Poland has

just shed communism and the two countries began to reestablish normal relations after decades of mistrust and From Auschwitz Mr. Kohl

was driven to the centre of the mediaeval Polish cultural centre of Krakow where, surrounded by enthusiastic crowds, he visited stalls in a splendid old market. He then spent some quiet moments in the city's main church.

As he walked around the city square accompanied by

Indian doctors were con-

ducting a post-mortem on Pil-

lai's body and were expected

to submit their report later

"This is a sensitive case.

We will conduct a post-

mortem today and give our

report." Bharat Singh,

medical superintendent of

the hospital where Pillai died,

Pillai's personal secretary.

Babu Nambiar, told Reuters

the former tycoon had de-

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But the authorities scoffed at

him when he asked for

medical help the previous

day." Mr. Nambiar said.
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medical help the previous day

the authorities told Mr. Pillai

told Reuters, Saturday,

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his Polish counterpart, Jozef Oleksy, and shaking hands panied by his wife Hannewith eager onlookers, people lore, went through Auin surrounding caffes clapped

in approval.

Mr. Kohl's three-day visit, which ended later Saturday, has been devoted to building common future for Poland and Germany in a united Europe.

In a much more relaxed and confident manner than during the ground-breaking first visit, Mr. Kohl once again assured his Polish hosts that Germany was deter-mined to build with Warsaw ties as firm as those linking it with France.

He also pledged to help Poland meet its aim to become a member of North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and the European Union (EU) before the end of this

œntury. But Mr. Kohl also warned Poles that the bulk of work needed to attain these goals had to be done by continuing market reforms and adaptation to EU standards in all spheres of life.

A judge dismissed Pillai's

plea for a special medical

examination Thursday.

saying his condition was not

serious and he would be

allowed only# the "normal

medication" available in

Pillai's cousin, Komal

Kumar, said in the southern

Indian city of Trivandrum

that the tycoon was denied

basic medical and other facili-

facility in prison. He was put

in a cell where he had to

share the toilet with three

others. He was never used to

such a living," Kumar said. Pillai's lawyers, quoted by

the Press Trust of India, said

they were considering con-

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India orders inquiry into tycoon's death

Mr. Nakagawa, who accompanied police on the search, and Asahara are among over 30 cult members indicted on charges of murder and attempted murder in the March 20 sarin attack on Tokyo subways that killed 11

Mr. Nakagawa had earlier confessed that the cult stashed the chemicals in the forest after the police launched a nationwide raid on Aum facilities on March 22.

Aum denies involvement

Japan finds new evidence against cult

TOKYO (R) — An arrested member of the doomsday sect accused of gassing Tokyo subways helped Japanese police uncover more than 100 containers of ingredients and by-products of the nerve-gas sarin, Japanese media Saturday quoted police sources as

NHK public broadcasting said Tokyo's Metropolitan Police Department unearthed the chemical evidence in a forest in Nikko, a popular tourist area 120 kilometres north of the capital.

The containers were found precisely as indicated in a confession by Tomomasa Nakagawa, 32, a close aid of Aum Shinrikyo (Supreme Truth Sect) leader Shoko Asahara, police officials were quoted as saying by NHK.

people and sickened 5,500.

in the case and Asahara has refused to discuss the charges with police investigators.

It did not say what the secret Washington says Mr. Wu, documents were. a China-born U.S. citizen, Mr. Wu is to stand trial in has a valid Chinese visa, but China, Xinhua said. Beijing says his papers are "The case is prepared by He spent 19 years in

BELIING (R) — China said Saturday it had formally arrested Chinese-American human-rights activist Harry Wu for espionage in a move analysts said could worsen the local judicial department

Mr. Wu, also known by his Chinese name Wu Hongda, was arrested by the Public Security Department in the central Chinese city of Wuhan, Xinhua News Agency said. It did not say where Mr. Wu was being held. "Chinese-American Wu Hongda was arrested here

today by police on charges of entering into China under false names, illegally obtaining China's state secrets and conducting criminal activities," Xinhua said in a dispatch from Wuhan. Elaborating on Mr. Wu's alleged criminal activities,

Xinhua said he had "engaged in espionage and bought secret information and stole secret documents.

"He carried these secrets abroad and provided them to foreign organisations and in-stitutions," the agency said.

deteriorating Sino-U.S. rela- of the city," it said.
tions. Mr. Wu made

documentary for the British Broadcasting Corporation in 1994 alleging that Chinese doctors mined the organs of executed criminals for transplant. Beijing denies the allegation.

Since June, 1991, Mr. Wu allegedly stole into China on several occasions using an alias, Peter Wu or Harry Wu. and trespassed in restricted areas, Xinhua said. U.S. legislators have de-

manded China release Mr. Wu and analysts said his arrest for alleged espionage could worsen deteriorating Sino-U.S. relations.

The U.S. State Department had no immediate com-

ment on Mr. Wu's arrest. Mr. Wu, 58, was detained on June 19 after entering China from Kazakhstan using what the United States says is his legal name, Peter Wu.

release wrote extensively about China's secretive prison system and alleged humanrights abuses inside prisons. In 1985, he moved to the United States and is a 1esearch fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford Uni-The United States has accused China of violating an internationally recognised consular convention by refusing to let U.S. diplomats contact Mr. Wu. Beijing insists it has strictly abided by the consular accord but says Washington has repeatedly In Washington Friday, State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said the department had received "encouraging signs" that China might finally grant U.S. di-

why didn't he go to Singapore for treatment. They thought lawyers were not immediatethi's Tihar Jail to the nearby ly available for comment. state-run Deen Daval Up-Human rights probe team in Nigeria

LAGOS (R) - A human rights team gathered in Nigeria's capital Saturday for a fact-finding mission amid international concern over the fate of political detainees.

diplomats said. Nigeria's military government has been under attack internationally over the secret trial of more than 23 people, including former military ruler General Olusegun Obasanjo in connection with an alleged plot

to topple it in a coup d'etat. Diplomats said the team was led by former Canadian Foreign Minister Flora Mac-Denald, who arrived in Lagos on Thursday, other members of the group were still awaited.

The team was sponsored by the New Delhi-based Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, a nongovernmental organisation. "They are not acting on behalf of the Commonwealth or Commonwealth governments but will report to them," one senior Western diplomat said. The mission will end on July 18th.

"Their programme is still being drawn up but they hope to see a broad spectrum of people in Nigeria," the diplomat said.

Other members include former Zambian Legal Affairs Minister Roger Chongye, a former chief justice of Zimbabwe and Trinidadian Neville Linton, a former Commonwealth secretariat official who is to serve as secretary of the team.

"The rest of the team is expected in the next couple of days," the diplomat said.

Britain, the former colonial power, is seeking news of the trial and its Overseas Development Minister Lynda Chalker has threatened that Nigeria could be barred from the Commonwealth summit of former British territories

in Auckland in November. State radio, in a commentary Saturday, rained abuse on Ms. Chalker and said Nigeria was no longer a British colony and could not be

dictated to. "It is advisable for Ms. Chalker and any other member of the British cabinet to desist from saying or doing anything that can cause unnecessary irritation in the longstanding relations between Nigeria and Britain, the radio said.

Britain is not alone in pressuring the Nigerian authorities on the coup trial. | person and asked permission AY, JULY 9, 14

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Greenpeace again urges France to review resumption of nuclear tests militants

PARIS (Agencies) - The environmental group greenpeace, its protest ship Rainbow Warrior nearing France's South Pacific nuclear test site, on Saturday again urged President Jacques Chirac to reconsider his decision to resume testing.

We are asking you today to hear not only the voice of a handful of citizens aboard a ship of peace, but the immense emotion of millions of people across the the world," Greenpeace said in an open letter to France's new presi-

The journey of Rainbow Warrior to the Mururoa Atoli has become a centre-piece for worldwide protests against Mr. Chirac's decision to conduct eight final nuclear tests between September and next

The ship is expected to arrive at Mururoa within the next 24 hours, in time to mark the 10th anniversary of its predecessor's sinking by French secret agents in New

Zealand on july 10, 1985. The vessel's 26-member crew has told Mr. Chirac that his decision could set off a chain-reaction, with other nuclear powers following suit to modernise their weapons and other countries being encouraged to embark on a nuclear programme.

"That would indeed be a very black day in the history of humanity," the crew said

in its four-paragraph letter. Greenpeace has been told by French authorities not to enter a 12-mile zone around

PARIS (AFP) — An illegal-financing scandal that has

embarrassed President Jacques Chirac's party reignited

Saturday with the publication

of an interview of a disgrun-

tled party worker who

The interview, in the left-

alleged widespread abuses.

leaning daily Liberation,

appeared a day after a inves-

tigating judge arrested, then released, Louise-Yvonne

Casetta, the deputy finance

director of the party, the

Rally For the Republic

around Mururoa. On a previous protest mission in 1992, a Greenpeace vessel was boarded and the crew deported.

A French warship which had been shadowing the protestors shied away Friday, but Admiral Philippe Euverte told a news conference at Mururoa that the surveillance ship Vende-

miaire was now tracking it. He said the navy would wait until the Rainbow Warrior was well inside the 12mile zone and then divert it without force. The operation, "Nautile 95", would use up to four ships, depending on Greenpeace's willingness to cooperate, he said.

'We know that the French authorities have more resources than Greenpeace, but on our side we have the strength of international opinion and the commitment and creativity of our team," Greenpeace campaigner Stephanie Mills said in a statement from the Rainbow

Ms. Mills had told Reuters earlier that the crew. apprehensive as the ship approached the atoll, had spent the day training and

preparing for their arrival. Greenpeace declined to spell out what its splan of action was, but Ms. Mills said the ship was capable of staying at sea for another two

In New Zealand a service

Former Chirac campaign worker

alleges widespread illegal financing

(RPR), after a search of her

In the interview, Didier

Delaporte, 33, who worked

for Casetta from January to

April, when Mr. Chirac was

elected president, described

Ms. Casetta as a woman who

negotiated illegal donations

from companies, collected

the cash and then supervised

its placement, often in fore-

ign Shell-company accounts.

RPR officials could not be

reached for comment Satur-

Mr. Delaporte spoke to

Mururoa. On a previous pro-test mission in a 12-mile zone was held Saturday to com-memorate the bombing of the original Rainbow Warrior in Auckland's Marsden Wharf, which killed the photographer Fernando Pereira.

Further commemorative events were due to be held Monday in Auckland and in Paris, where Greenpeace has rented a boat moored on the River Seine in front of the

Foreign Ministry.

A German deputy from the coalition Free Democratic Party (FDP) has advocated a boycott of French state enterprises to protest France's testing, the Bild Am Sonntag newspaper to be published

In an interview with the Sunday tabloid, FDP parliamentarian Olaf Feldmann rejected boycotting private companies, which he said would merely hit individuals, but proposed instead a boycott on public companies. which would hit an intended

The boycott of large enterprises like Air France or the Renault group makes perfect sense," Mr. Feldmann said.

While the German government has adopted a moderate line, a Forsa poll published Friday found 95 per cent of Germans oppose the French

Only 50 per cent of those. however, would be prepared to forgo French products and holidays in France, to protest

Liberation after being inter-

viewed for five hours

Wednesday by the investigat-

ing judge, Eric Halphen, in a

hospital.
Mr. Delaporte said he had

been considering writing a

book about his campaign ex-

periences when 10 days ago,

three men severely beat him

up and told him: "You'd

better keep your mouth

An official said in Srinagar that the team was camping in the hill resort town of Pahalgam, some 100 kilometres from here, where the four were seized while on a trekking holiday.

He however said the team had failed to establish contact with the rebel Al-Faran group which claimed respon-

sibility for the kidnappings. "We are aware that the tourists have been spotted," he said on condition of anonymity. "But we will not take any step which could endanger their lives.

The beating had the oppo-"We will try to persuade site effect: He contacted the abductors to set them free," he said. Judge Halphen, then Libera-

Kashmir kidnap . another tourist

SRINAGAR, India (AFP) Suspected Muslim rebels on Saturday kidnapped a German tourist near the hill resort town of Pahalgam, four days after two Britons and two Americans were abducted from a nearby spot, police said here.

The German embassy confirmed the abduction saying the tourist was Dirk Haret, who was in Kashmir on a trekking holiday.

"We are still trying to find out what happened. We have just been informed by Indian authorities of Haret's kidnapping," a spokesman for the embassy said.

Police said Mr. Haret and his Kashmiri guide were abducted by a group of armed men at Jogibal, some 20 kilometres south of Pahalgam. The guide was later released, they said.

No rebel group has claimed responsibility for the kidnapping, which took place even as the woods near Pahalgam were being combed by Indian troops searching for the four tourists abducted by Muslim

militants earlier, police said. The Indian police force Saturday despatched a special team to negotiate the release of the tourists.

capital Colombo.

"If peace cannot be

talks have to go on, some kind of compromise has to be found and the war has to

Saturday. Arkady Volsky, one of the Russian negotiators at talks in the Chechen capital Grozny, said the rebel Chechen government's demand for independence "can not be decided at this table, it should be decided by the results of elections. The people should

decide it." Mr. Volsky said there would be no referendum on sovereignty because the Russian constitution does not provide for that, and Chechenya is still part of the Russian Federation.

GROZNY, Russia (AFP) — Chechens will be able to de-

cide for themselves whether

they want independence from

Russia during upcoming elec-

tions, negotiators here said

But pro-independence candidates could run in the election for president of the tiny Caucasus republic, effectively making the vote a poll on Chechenya's status, Mr. Volsky said.

"That's democracy," he No date was set for the

There was no statement on whether President Dzhokhar Dudayev, who unilaterally declared Chechenya independent in 1991 and led the seven-month war against Russian forces since last December, could participate in

elections. Peace talks aimed at ending the seven-month war in Chechenya reopened Saturday after almost collapsing in the wake of the massacre of a Chechen family, allegedly by Russian soldiers.

"The peace talks have not broken," said Ahmed Zakayev, one of the Chechen

Chechen independence to be voted on

independence government's negotiators. "We do not have the right to jeopardise the process and the Chechen people because of one incident. The peace

end," Mr. Zakayev told The talks almost fell apart Friday after six people, all from the same family, were shot dead at their home in an eastern suburb of Grozny. A seventh victim, a 32-year-old

tion in hospital. The six, including a threeyear-old girl, were buried Saturday, amid continuing anti-Russian demonstrations in Grozny.

There was a near riot Friday when several thousand Chechens held a demonstration around the bodies, which were brought into central Grozny. The head Chechen negotiator, Usman Imayev, told the angry crowd that. negotiations would end entirely if those responsible for the massacre were not found by evening.

He later said that talks would break off for at least a day in protest.

However on Saturday, the full Chechen and Russian delegations returned to the office of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe, which is mediating the talks, saying that an intensive search for the culprits had been launched by Rus-

"Yesterday, there was a lot of emotion," Mr Zakayev

The talks have already achieved a widely observed ceasefire and an agreement to establish radio links between the warring sides.

But the Chechens and Russians are a long way from an accord on the reason for the war - Chechenva's unilateral bid for independence from the Russian Federation.

The massacre, at dawn in the Prigordny suburb, abruptly changed the dynamics of the peacetalks, cast-ing the spotlight back on to Russian human rights abuses woman, was in critical condiand raising public support for separatist leader Dudayev.

Six people were killed in the raid — the family's father, son, infant daughter and three other relatives. The father's sister was lying unconscious in hospital with a bullet wound in her head,

said relatives at the funeral. Only the mother, who had been out milking the family cow, survived unharmed. A neighbour, who asked not to be named, said she had seen soldiers wearing masks get out of a Russian

armoured car and go into the house. No shots were heard, indicating that the gunmen used silencers. A crowd of about 1,500

people, mostly women in bright headscrafs, walked from central Grozny to the scene of the murders, about 15 kilometres away under a baking noon sun, chanting pro-independence slogans.

The Chechen negotiators. including military commander General Aslan Maskhadov and Mr. Imayev, also drove to the scene in a convoy of cars flying the green. white and red rebel Chechen

flag.
Traffic halted and passersby shouted "Allahu Akbar" (God is Greatest) as the convoy sped through the ruins of Grozny, captured by Russian forces after almost seven weeks of saturation bom-

bardments in February. People raised their fists out of car windows and whistled their support at the convoy, under the watch of Russian soldiers sitting on armoured

Mr. Yeltsin pledged Saturday that the killers of the Chechen family in Grozny would be found and said he was taking personal charge of investigations into the murders, his spokesman

announced. A presidential statement, read out by Sergei Med-vedev, said "the killers will definitely be arrested and put on trial."

"The murder of innocent people is a great tragedy and when the victims include children the tragedy is even greater," the presidential state-

ment said. Mr. Yeltsin did not rule out the possibility that this was a "terrorist act ... aimed at creating anti-Russian feelings in Grozny." He urged the people of Chechenya "not to be overcome by emotion, difficult as it may be at the current time.'

Sri Lanka vows to fight rebels for peace

COLOMBO (AFP) — Sri atunga said at the launch of a Lanka President Chandrika Kumaratunga Saturday vowed to fight for peace in this strife-torn island as Tamil Tiger guerrillas issued fresh bomb threats against the

Mrs., Kumaratunga said her government was ready to battle the separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) and restore peace in the embattled northern and eastern regions.

achieved by peaceful means, we will resort to any means to restore peace," Mrs. Kumarcampaign called "White Lotus" to raise \$15 million for the welfare of soldiers fighting Tigers.

Her remarks came as a front organisation of the LTTE threatened to bomb Colombo if the government failed to investigate the alleged military use of civilians as human shields in the island's multi-ethnic eastern province.

The warning issued by the Ellalan Force (EF) was received here by international news agencies barely 12 hours after the expiry of a Friday night deadline set by attack on Colombo Internathe group for Mrs. Kumaratunga to order an inquiry into the claims.

"If the request of the Ellalan Force was accepted by the government before the deadline, the bomb-planted locations will be informed immediately," said the onepage type-written EF letter sent by ordinary mail.

Police said they considered the EF a front of the LTTE and security was being tight-ened here. The EF had earlier accepted responsibility for last month's failed bomb tional Airport.

The EF said that minority Tamils were being used by security forces to clear mine fields, a charge denied by the military. The group has warned that it had finalised arrangements to detonate 'massive bombs" in the capital.

The bomb threat came amid speculation that a military advance against the LTTE-held northern Jaffna peninsula was imminent. The Figers too had said that they were bracing for an attack from the military.





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Incursion unjustified

WHILE. WE might understand Ankara's 'anxiety and its right to fight off any rebellion that threatens its national unity, we simply cannot accept Turkey's incursions into Iraqi territory at its will and pleasure. Regardlessof the present chaotic situation in the north of Irag, Turkey is duty-bound to consult with Baghdad, or the government of any country for that matter, before launching military operations in that country's sovereign territory. What we are witnessing today in the Turkish incursion into Iraq — the second in three months — is a total disregard for Iraq's sovereignty and territorial integrity. No explanation could justify an action that, no doubt, takes advantage and makes mockery of Iraq as an independent sovereign state in the region. Turkey would be better off to remind itself that the present distortion in Iraq is not going to last for ever, and that Frag would, sooner or later, reassume its rightful role as a key player in the Middle East, much more so as a neighbour of Turkey. For all said and done, the Turkish operation in northern Iraq, notwithstanding its reasons and background, is simply adding issult to injury.

That is only one aspect of the imbroglio. The other is the stark reality that Turkey, instead of trying to engage its Kurdish minority in a dialogue to settle the root cause of the rebellion, has continued to opt for military means to address the situation. In this era, regional conflicts and internal disputes are better addressed through civilised dialogue based on respect for the rights of propie to a dignified life.

The danger that lurks behind Turkey's incursions into Iraq at will is that the move will set a precedent. If the world keeps silent today over what is happening in Iraq, then it would be deprived of the moral right when another country, whether in the Middle East or elsewhere, decides to launch similar operations in foreign territory.

The Kurdish problem is an internal Turkish affair. But when an internal affair touckes the fundamental principles that govern relations between states and respect for each other, then it ceases to be an internal

APABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

AL RA'l daily Saturday expressed outrage at statements by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to the daily Davar newspaper in which he was reported to have claimed that the Israeli-Jordanian peace treaty provides for the West Bank to be merged with Jordan. The paper said that Jordan has been repeatedly demanding that the Palestinians regain their homeland in Palestine and an end to Israeli occupa-tion of all Arab lands held since 1967 including Arab Jerusalem. His Majesty King Hussein has frequently repeated that only when the Palestinians have regained their sovereignty and lands they would be able to determine their own future freely, added the paper. It said that Jordan has been striving to help the Palestinians regain their rights, including the right to independence with Arab Jerusalem as the Palestinian capital and therefore it is astonishing to hear Mr. Rabin giving such a statement which contradicts the facts on the ground. The paper also criticised the Israeli premier for declaring that Israel would not withdraw to the pre-1967 borders with Syria and Palestine, would not allow Jerusalem to be partitioned. would not allow the Palestinians to establish their own state and would not dismantle Jewish settlements. It said such statements are cause for concern and they could only undermine the whole peace process.

A WRITER in Al Dustour warned against the widening gap between the rich and the poor in Jordan, resulting from unemployment and ill planning for development. Taher Al Adwan said a visitor to Jordan would notice two extremes: the wealthy nature of Western Amman regions where some of the villas and palaces must have cost at least a million dinars each and the other parts of the country, especially the rural areas where the majority live around and under the poverty line. The unchecked sky rocketing prices of basic commodities, unemployment and low income of most of the people of Jordan are causing poverty while the absence of major income generating projects that could absorb huge numbers of unemployed Jordanians are causing deep frustration among the public, said the writer. Citing a recent World Bank report about the widening gap between the rich and the poor countries around the world the writer said that the report pointed to the Arab region where such disparity occurs and warned that unless unemployment and poverty are dealt with in an appropri-ate manner, corruption will increase and public discontent with serious economic and social consequences, will grow.

Sunday's Economic Pulse

By Dr. Fahed Al Fanek

Privatisation: More than lip service

THE GOVERNMENT is definitely in favour of privatisation. Businessmen in the country are strongly for privatisation. Economists unambiguously support privatisation. The economic adjustment programme highlights privatisation. The five-year social and economic development plan sets privatisation high on its agenda. His Majesty the King's message designating a new prime minister, which effective-ly embodies the terms of reference for the new govern-ment, stresses privatisation. The ministerial programme submitted to Parliament for the vote of confidence includes a clear-cut undertaking to privatise. Yet, 15 years after the birth of the idea of converting the Royal Jordanian airline (RJ) into a private shareholding company, and 10 years after the official adoption of a policy to privatise the Public Transport Corporation and the Telecommunication corporation, nothing happened on ground, except reports and declarations of intentions, followed by more reports and

To continue preaching privatisation and demonstrating its advantages, and proving the desirability of a true market economy are waste of time and no more needed. What we need from now on is an explanation of our failure to perform and implement a policy confirmed by countless decisions, programmes, reports, plans, studies and recommendations. There must be a strong factor preventing privatisation from taking off despite all this noise about it. We suggest that the main reason for failure is that the Jordanian public opinion is not yet convinced that privatisation is good for the people and accordingly deserves experimentation. People think that privatisation means selling out the public sector to rich businessmen to exploit the people without any regulations or restrictions. They believe that the first step after the privatisation of a corporation is to fire the majority of the employees and workers. Finally, privatisation has the image of being

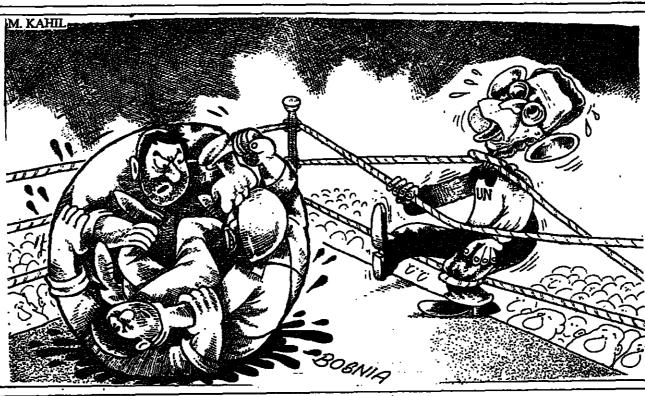
imposed upon us from without, therefore resistance to privatisation is justified as a sort of safeguarding independ-

If we are serious about fostering the role of the private sector and the market economy and making privatisation possible, we should first educate our people and convince the public opinion. Education is not only needed by the man in the street but also by deputies in Parliament, ministers in the government and journalists in the press. The majority of those groups harbour ideas and tendencies favouring the beamony and domination of the state over favouring the hegemony and domination of the state over economic life, including ownership and management. Perhaps no one is calling for outright socialism anymore, but the culture of socialism is still deep in many minds.

The latest report by the experts of the World Bank, who studied and evaluated the Jordanian private sector, noticed that the state has investments in many enterprises, includ-ing commercial establishments such as hotels. The impact of that is over-stretching public resources, crowding out the private sector and causing low economic efficiency.

The report came up with some new recommendations such as issuing a special law to deal with privatisation instead of having to work independently on each law organising a governmental enterprise, and the establishment of a ministry of privatisation, or an influential section in the prime ministry or in the ministry of finance to follup-up and act as an engine to push for privatisation.

Privatisation means more opportunities for the private sector, greater competition; greater efficiency and more attention by the government to its core functions in regulation and enforcement. The problem is that our public opinion is not aware of these facts and should be convinced before the government can go ahead in a serious program-



Lebanon: The succession to President Hrawi

By Fida Nasrallah

ON NOV. 23, 1995, Lebanon's President Elias Hrawi's term of office will end. Since January this year, political life in Lebanon has revolved around little else but speculation around the identity of Mr. Hrawi's successor. Some floated the idea of either extending the president's mandate by an additional three years (tamdid), or renewing his sixyear term altogether (tajdid). Others, namely the army, pushed for the election — or rather selection — of the chief-of-staff,

General. Emile Lahoud. But both President Hrawi remaining in office, either through extension or renewal, and General Emile Lahoud being elected to the presidency are contrary to the Lebanese Constitution. Indeed, article 49, Paragraph two, as amended in 1990, states "(the president) shall be elected for a term of six years. He may not be reelected until six years have elapsed since the date of expiration of his last mandate," which rules Mr. Hrawi out. Paragraph three of the same article states that "it is prohibited to elect to the Presidency... first-category (senior) civil servants... as long as they are in office and until two years have elapsed since the date of resignation from their post or since the date of their retirement." which rules General Lahoud out

So the whole political debate in Lebanon in the past six months has centred around the possibility of amending Article 49 of the Lebanese Constitution and the implications of this. To amend the second paragraph on its own would mean the deselection of General Lahoud; to amend paragraph three on its own would mean that President Hrawi would not be able to run again; and to amend them both would give the two candidates a chance without necessarily jeopardising the chances of any other contender.

The constant preoccupa-

next president, the virtual suspension of political life in the country, the frustration of the rising expectations of Lebanese society, the growing social unrest and the run on the Lebanese currency all led Prime Minister Rafik Hariri to push parliament for a constitutional amendment after convening an ordinary session on May 22 to extend Mr. Hrawi's mandate. The rationale behind this decision was that once the uncertainty was over, the country would then regain its equanimity and the prime minister would be able to resume his policies unbindered. Indeed, the manner in which that uncertainty would be laid to rest and the implications of tailor-made constitutional amendments were, for Mr. Hariri, inconsequential. Thus Mr. Hariri openly cal-I nus Mr. Hann openly cal-led for extending President Hrawi's era of "security, and of political and finan-cial stability." The pro-Hrawi camp openly joined the fray, stressing the need for "continuity" and prais-ing the president for restor-ing state authority ing state authority.
Not to be outdone, and

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intent on wielding his own powers, Speaker of Parliament Nabih Berri decided that parliament would not be buildozed by the govern-ment and that the legislative and executive authorities would remain separate. He decided to undertake parliamentary consultations and sound out other political and spiritual leaders, to determine how "the people" felt about extensions, renewals and constitutional amendments. As for Mr. Hrawi himself, who had initially shied away from the idea of tampering with the length of his mandate, he declared his willinguess to submit to "the will of the representatives of the people" - an important declaration in the light of the fact that it was not the will of "the representative of the people" that was responsible for choosing him in the first place.

The outcome of Mr. Ber-

of course, that they were of any consequence, reflected a lack of enthusiasm towards renewing the president's mandate and a feeling of overall resignation about the entire process. Indeed, the parliamentary bloc of former prime minis-ter Salim Al Hoss, as well as other former prime ministers and speakers. voiced their displeasure; the Maronite Patriarch. Cardinal Nasrallah Sfeir, was equally unenthusiastic; and the supporters of General Aoun didn't care one way or the other. Some believed that an extension of the president's mandate would plunge the country into a state of confusion; others called for a new head of state in order to bring about national reconciliation; still others believed that extending the mandate of the president would be an infringement of the principle of the transfer of power and democracy. And some considered the entire selection process as fraudu-lent and therefore inconse-

This long saga resulted in a stalemate. The tug-of-war between the prime minister and the speaker resulted in an overall face-saving compromise. Mr. Hariri would voice displeasure by resigning — only to be immediately assured of reappointment with new ministers of a more cooperative nature; and Mr. Berri would win his own little battle: The Constitution would not be amended in May, but perhaps at a later date, leaving all options open for everyone and the possibility of a constitutional amendment as late as next November.

Flawed assumptions

It is a fact well-known to the Lebanese and others that the selection of a president for Lebanon is not a Lebanese decision. It is also safe to assume, given the prevailing regional configuration and the realities of the Lebanese situation, that any president that com-

es to power in the foresceable future will toe the same line as President Hrawi. The difference is strictly a matter of personality and "experience," not one of allegiance. Nevertheless, and despite such very harsh realities, it is still important to maintain a fig-leaf transition in an otherwise imper-fect and flawed "democracy." The systematic erosion of the very trappings of a democracy may in the long run result in a erosion of the democratic tradition itself. Those who are indifferent to the renewal of the president's mandate, because a change in personality will not result in a change in policy, are still preoccupied with how the international community perceives Leba-non, and herein lies their major miscalculation.

The claim that the "elec-

tion" of a new president

will project an image of a

working democracy instead of reflecting a reality that is totally at odds with that image is valid. But the time has come to do away with concern with image and concentrate on preserving whatever is there lest it disappear altogether. Salvation for Lebanon is not going to come from the not from France and certainly not from the United States - but from Lebanon itself. If the feelings of resignation and disillusion amongst the Lebanese are allowed to continue unchecked, and their constant search for a deus ex machina is their only course of action, then they are certain to lose the little that remains, and there really remains very little. Of course, all of the above rests on the assumption that "the representatives of the people" have not only "the will" but also "the power." Indeed, this assumption is flawed. And that is the tragedy of

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NATO-expanders need to observe that geography is back

By Richard Cohen

ISTANBUL - Could it be that geography, not de-mography, is destiny? This andent city, where Europe stages a stunning finale be-fore plunging into the Bos-porus, both dazzles and instructs. As the Clinton administration will discover in attempting to expand NATO, in foreign affairs— as in real estate—location is what really matters.

Europeans, of course, already know that. In Greece, for instance, I was asked by one foreign policy expert about the expansion of NATO and waxed Lippmannesque for a moment or two before the clearly impatient think-tanker cut me off: Didn't I understand? The countries stated for early NATO membership are all in "the German sphere of influence."

I confess to not having seen things that way. It is true, of course, that the Czech Republic, Hungary. Poland and Slovakia were all, to one extent or another, in the Germanspeaking sphere of influence — one, incidentally, that predated the Nazi period and was as much cultural as it was political. Franz Kafka, that morose Czech, lived in Prague but wrote in German, as did numerous other Central and East Europeans whatever their nominal national-

It is not likely that-Europe will return totally to its old ways of thinking and doing. But at least in this region, more and more people seem to assume that the old days are coming back and with them the old ways of looking at the world. Greek businessmen are hopping planes for Tirana, the Albanian capital, trying to restore traditional trading patterns. The northern Greek city of Salonika is financial and commercial centre for Bulgaria and

With the end of the cold war, geography is once again reasserting itself. Greece is back in the Balkans - and don't think

But the debate over expanding NATO proceeds as if the old cold war verities still applied and the old rules of geography re-mained suspended. In strategic terms, London was once accorded as much importance as San Francisco, Bonn with New York, Paris with Rome and Davenport, Iowa. What did it matter? Attack one and you have attacked the

As long as godless communism was the enemy, that could work. But Amer-

geography. From Kansas City, it is not only a long way to Tipperary, it is even farther to Bratislava, the grim capital of Slovakia, How is the Clinton administration, which wants NATO expanded, going to explain to some guy in Kansas the strategic importance of Bra-tislava? Most Americans probably think Bratislava is

a sausage. Usually, NATO expan sion is debated in connec tion with Russia: How will it react? My question is different: How will the American people react?
Does the United States really want to get involved in quarrels in which it has no stake? Bosnia is a day at the beach compared with the Caucasus or the traditional problems between Romania and Hungary.

Hitler and Stalin together did an absolutely super job at tidying up Central and Eastern Europe, but even they left minorities lingering in most countries. In each and every country, a problem of sorts remains. They are all interesting and sometimes they are painful, but it is hard to connect any of them to anything approximating the American national interest.

The imperatives of geography are once again taking hold. As before the cold war (and World War II), Americans see themselves as being in the middle of nowhere, a shrinking world notwithstanding. Europeans, on the other hand, once again see themselves as being in the middle of everywhere.

They are again finding themselves creatures of their own geography and, in a sense, blowing the dust off old texts to see how things were handled in the past. Poorly, would have to be the conclusion, but may be inevitably so.

The case for retaining NATO and expanding it is well worth arguing, although the latter has me more worried than excited. But such a case has not yet been made to the American people, not by the White House anyway, and certainly not by expansion advocates who brandish Cham-"neoisolationist" at their

The blessings of geogra-phy traditionally enabled America to avoid the insane feuds of the Old World. The world has shrunk, sure but, given the demise of the Soviet Union, what is the new "politico" that compels Americans to give up their 'geo" advantage?

If there is an answer to that question - and there will may be - the Clinton administration has yet to provide it.

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LETTERS

Liabilities

To the Editor:

THE MOTOR vehicle is man's most deadly machine. The owner or operator of an automobile is under duty to exercise utmost due care so as to avoid injuring himself and other innocent people accompanying him or in his vicinity. That degree of care, which must be exercised, is that of the ordinary prudent person under the circumstances.

Under automobile liability insurance, the insurance

company is under legal obligation to pay damages on behalf of the insured for hodily injury, sickness or disease, including resulting death, sustained by third persons in addition, the injury to or destruction of property belonging to any third person, including loss of use thereof.

Our country has a bad record for automobile accidents. A chief reason that explains the constantly rising automobile death rate is the increase in the power and speed potential of present-day automobiles. Other reasons include unskilled driving, undisciplined desires, smoking, importation and reliance on used auto-parts, increased congestion, increased mileage, urbanisation, changing age of the population, extended and uncontrolled working hours and the absence of right to refuse hazardous work.

As ever before, we continue to rely on the three E's for lowering automobile death rates. The three E's are: (1) driver-pedestrian education. (2) highway and vehicle engineering. (3) improvement in laws and better law enforce-

> George N. Saig, Amman.

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USIA · SAN FRANCISCO — The United Nations is crucial to U.S. foreign policy and indispensable to U.S. participation in world affairs. four former chief U.S. delegates to the world organisation say. The United Nations has "plenty of room for improvement," says Ambas-

By Judy Aita

sador Thomas Pickering, but it is "the least worst organisation around... to deal with peaceful settlement of disputes, economic development, and social and human rights issues."

"We are engaged in the world, and despite the mounting sense of isolationism one perceives in the United States, our future is increasingly tied with the world... We are going to be involved in the world, the United Nations is part of that," says Mr. Pickering, who was U.S. permanent representative to the United Nations from 1989 to 1992 under President Bush. Currently ambassador to Russia, he was also U.S. ambassador to El Salvador,

Nigeria, Jordan and Israel. He and three other former U.S. envoys to the United Nations participated in a panel on "Redefining Security: The United Nations and the United States," one of a series of events leading up to the commemoration of the signing of the U.N. Charter on June 26, 1945, in San

Their discussion, which took place in the same theatre where the U.N. Charter was signed by representatives of 50 states five decades ago, centred on the preservation and strengthening of the organisation for the next 50 years, especially in light of the increasing criticism of the United Nations in the United States in recent months as Congress tries to balance the U.S. budget and the 1996 presidential campaign

gets underway.
"I cannot consider a world without the United Nations. It is inconceivable. If there wasn't one, you would have to invent something," said Ambassador Vernon Walters, whose dithe 1940s and included a tour at the United Nations from 1985 to 1989 under President Reagan. Mr. Walters was also ambassador to Germany and served as deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agen-

"People in the United States perceive the United Nations as having a being of its own," Mr. Walters ex-plained. "Yet, everybody around this table knows the United Nations is what the members make it. We make its life; we make its decisions in the end."

Ambassador Donald McHenry, U.N. representative from 1978 to 1981 under president Carter and currently University Research professor of diplomacy and international affairs at Georgetown University, said the United States has to make some decisions about our leadership" in the world orga-

He pointed out that in its difficult early days the U.N. "was able to survive and prosper because of American leadership in an innovative and almost pater-

nal way. The U.N. had financial problems from almost the very beginning, but the United States recognised from the outset that our annual payment was so important that it not only had to be paid but paid at the beginning of the year or the organisation couldn't

survive."

U.N. vital to U.S. interests, former ambassadors say

Now, with the end of the cold war, the United Nations has been asked to take on more responsibilities in peacekeeping, economic development and social issues, a transition that is complicated, costly, and at times not successful. It has generated much discussion in the U.S. Congress, the Clinton administration, the press and American public. Now the United States not only does not pay its dues at the beginning of the year, it has become the organisation's biggest debtor, owing about \$1,800 million this year for peacekeeping op-

But, said Mr. McHenry, "Stop the World I Want to Get Off" is the name of a play. We can't stop the world and get off anything of the acceleration of the interaction, interrelationship between the United States and the rest of the world... This time of transition is a time that vision and leadership is most needed."

"Fortunately, I think, the American public is more attuned to this fact than some of our leaders" he said, citing polling data.
"Asked if they are in favour of multilateral actions, the answer comes back 'yes'.... Does it frighten them if they don't have an American commander of U.S. troops in a U.N. operation? The answer comes back 'no.' In almost every instance... they are far more supportive of the United Nations than some of our

politicians." Ambassador Edward Perkins, U.S. envoy to Australia and a former envoy to South Africa, served at the U.N. from 1992 to 1993. He agreed that "if we didn't have the organisation we would have to invent some-

thing like it."
The United Nations "will not always be in accord with the self-interest of the U.S.

nor should it," Mr. Perkins said. "But there always has to be a perceived commonality which stretches beyond the sometimes narrow constraints of national interest, because what is national interest today may be an international interest tomorrow or vise versa.

"We have to realise that we have to interact and exist and cooperate with a much wider array of countries and peoples. That's not going to decrease, that's going to increase."

The ambassadors agreed that serious fiscal and organisational reforms are needed at the U.N., but Mr. Pickering said be thought a consensus for streamlining the U.N. administration "could be readily built."

The end of the cold war

and the decline in North-South polarisation in the past five years, he said, offer the United States 'enormous opportunities for leadership.

"It is not a fundamentally bad organisation. We helped design it, and in designing it we have pro-

vided ourselves with certain leadership advantages," he pointed out. "We have a larger share of the budget we're comfortable with, but plays both ways - plus and minus. We have a very, very strong position in (U.N. headquarters at) New York and importantly in the Security Council. We are the host for the most

fundamental and significant

organs of the United Na-

tions. Mr. Pickering noted that in the past five years the United Nations has been successful in areas crucial to U.S. policy, such as in Kuwait and Haiti. "So it provides us with an opportunity for international leadership which we shouldn't miss," he said. "If we had to design a

new organisation, we might not get one that overall was quite so friendly to our leadership in the future as we have seen evolve in the United Nations.... And we have the opportunity to improve the United Nations in the future and in ways that will not be inimicable to our interests or uncomfortable to our leadership."

By Sa'ad Hattar

SOME TELL white lies and others tell technicolor lies. There are private lies and official lies, and each of the forementioned must have a believer on the receiving

believe, that is not the question... for the answer remains in the hands of policy makers. Indeed, people in this country are the last to know... and they are the last to come to grips with the blunders brought about

by policy makers.

After months of uncermerely baseless rumours."

ment, which contradicted the stark truth, has caused damage to many people who had taken his word at face value. And instead of shoring up the crumbling car dealing business, this market went idle, thanks to fresh rumours about new reductions in tariffs.

In conformity with 1996, tariffs on imported goods have to be reduced to

While looming step remains a prerequisite before ment sought to keep a tight

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The bomb: The test of the first atomic weapon 50 years ago

By Sid Moody The Associated Press

WHEN IT was over that July 16, 1945, the man who had led the development of the bomb walked into the

desert to reflect. A turtle miles away from the world's first atomic explosion had been flipped helplessly on its back by the shock wave. J. Robert Oppenheimer set it right side up.

"It was the least I could do," he said. That test, called Trinity, of a plutonium bomb capped a \$2 billion — unprecedented in those time -

effort conducted in supersecrecy.
Maj. Gen. Łeslie Groves. overall boss of this so-called Manhattan Project, pre-dicted — correctly — that two atomic bombs would stun Japan into surrender

and end World War II. But in Trinity's mamflames mankind had never seen before, erupted moral questions still debated. "Now we're all sons-of-

bitches," said Trinity's Director, Kenneth Bainbridge, as the fire from the heart of the atom flashed across the New Mexico de-

The light, brighter at its core than the sun, was seen 400 kilometres away.
"What was that?" a blind girl 88.5 kilometres away

asked as the heat flushed her face. The bomb's identical twin, nicknamed Fat Man. was to ravage Nagasaki just over three weeks hence. Their uranium cousin, Little Boy, destroyed Hiroshi-

ma Aug. 6. Hundreds of thousands of Japanese were killed outright or died from the

effects. But also millions of lives, Japanese and American, had been spared by ending the war, soon to be climaxed with the invasion

of Japan itself. An equation of madness?

or mercy? Trinity culminated a gigantic scientific and industrial steeplechase to produce tiny amounts of fissionable uranium-235 and plutonium that could be carried in a suitcase. Fuelling the urgency was the fear that the Germans, first to split the atom, would make a bomb first. But Hitler had lost the war before an American-British weapon was ready. Japan, her wood and paper cities largely in ashes, was nonetheless still

fighting with ferocity.... Theoretically, the uranium bomb was straightforward enough to be dropped without a test. Fat Man was more efficient but more complex: Precisely shaped charges imploding inward to compress in milliseconds a sphere of plutonium not much bigger than a grapefruit beyond critical mass to explode instantly in a frenzy of energy-releasing

neutrons. Theoretically. Trinity, sited in a desert of south-central New Mexico north of Alamogordo, was to be proof, in effect the world's largest lab test.

For months, the leading scientists of the free world had been testing, tinkering, thinking in the desolation of the desert, Jornada del Muerto, trail of the dead

The bomb itself rested atop a 30-metre tower: The bomb was intended to kill by blast rather than radiation, hence the need to interpolate the effects at altitude. Spherical, a little taller than a man, Fat Man looked like a woman under

pressure to get food into the capital, U.N. peacekeepers

began sneaking food convoys

along a dangerous mountain

road under cover of dark-

ness. The road, which is also

used by the Bosnian army for

its supplies, is regularly

"There has been an appa-

rent breakthrough for

Sarajevo," UNHCR spokes-

man Kris Janowski said in

announcing that the first con-

voy was planned for next

Tuesday and would use a

road through Bosnian Serb-

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On Friday, French Presi-

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attacked by Serb gunners.

a hair dryer at the beauty parlor with wires and knobs all over it. Some of its explosive lenses were held

in place with adhesive tape.

The scientific "long hairs" worked through nights to correct glitches. Explosives expert George Kistiakowsky picked at castimperfections with dental

· Others argued whether the bomb should be used at But first Trinity had to

prove Fat Man would work. As the scientists gathered at the site, they opened a betting pool estimating the force of the explosion. With his \$1 ante Edward Teller, who was to become a major innovator of the later hydrogen bomb, picked highest: 45,000 tonnes (45 kilotons) of TNT. Mr. Oppenheimer picked 300, Canadian John Williams 200 pounds and Harvard physicist Norman Ramsey went low: zero. Latecomer won a Nobel prize, arrived in the desert and settled for the last number: 18 kilo-

Jornada del Muerto had come alive with kilometres of cables, strung from yuccas where poles weren't available, bunkers, dials, gauges, plus 145 kilometres of roads. Twenty teams fanned out in villages and hamlets to measure failout should hasty evacuation be

needed. Alvin and Elizabeth Graves moved into cabin 4 at Miller's tourist court in Carrizozo, population 1,400 and 64 kilometres northeast of ground zero, and set up geiger counters and a se-ismograph. Graves suspended all air traffic south from Albuquerque, New Mexico, and told the governor he might have to de-

clare martial law. He prepared a cover story that a remote ammunition dump including poison gas shells had exploded, requiring mass evacuation.

GIS of the special engineering detachment made a gallows joke that Fat Man, generally referred to as "The Gadget" or "The Thing," would knock the Earth off its axis.

Eurico Fermi, the Italian who had pioneered the first controlled nuclear chain reaction in December 1942, gazed over the desert on July 15 at "the world on the eve of its disintegration." The man who had opened a new world with aid of his 15-centimetre slide rule, did not believe this would happen. He planned to shred bits of paper to measure the blast by how far the shock

wave blew them. Always everywhere, living off coffee and cigarettes, his cadaverous frame shrunk to 53 kilogrammes from the strai was Oppenheimer, cajoling, encouraging, advising. Between atoms, Oppie, a student of Sanskrit, pondered the ancient Indian poem, the Bhagavad-Gita, or read. (He had named Trinity while reading John Donne's line: "Batter my heart, three-person'd

God..:").
Two days before Trinity, on July 14, two U.S. army officers, Maj. Robert Furman, a Groves aide, and Capt. James Nolan, the Los Alamos obstetrician. escorted by seven carloads of security guards, signed a receipt for three crates at Los Alamos, the remote facility 225 kilometres to the north where the bombs

were devised. The load was put in a closed black truck, driven to Kirtland air base outside

Kurdish rebels, security offi-

cials said.

The law, which expired on

Albuquerque, put on two DC-3s and flown to San Francisco. Little Boy had begun its journey to Tinian, the huge B-29 base in the Marianas.

Beyond New Mexico. U.S. warships were shelling the Japanese coast with impunity. Fifteen-hundred planes that day added to the thunder. Australian troops landed in Borneo. The fighting for Okinawa was just over, taking some 200,000 American, Japanese and Okinawan lives. Churchill, Truman and Stalin were sitting down to a final big three conference at Potsdam out-side Berlin.

At Trinity, all this was an afterthought. Thunder-storms had swept over the site after midnight on the 16th, threatening a delay because of adverse winds.

Groves, a single-minded driver of little charm but vast ego and determination, inclined to go ahead. feared postponement would inevitably lead to leaks. But he agreed to move firing later, from 4 a.m. (nighttime had been chosen both to cause the least notice and for better photographic contrast for cameras).

But as rain pelted down, he sent Kistiakowsky, Weatherman Jack Hubbard and some MPs to the tower as a precaution against sabotage. They relieved Don Hornig, a young physicist who had been nervously baby-sitting Fat Man in a steel shed atop the tower. trying to concentrate on tropical idylls of "desert is-

land decameron" while lightning flashed outside. Kistiakowsky had to climb halfway up the tower to flash a light so spotlights could focus on it. Hubbard's men released weather balloons every 15 minutes, while Lt. Howard Bush, head of the MPs, fingered his tommy gun in the rain and wondered how he'd ever become involved

in this mess. At 4 a.m. the rain slackened. Bainbridge shook awake young Joseph McKibben, who had accompanied the party to the tower and dozed off. McKibben was to run the countdown. "Come on, Joe. It's time now."

Across Jornada del Muerto, switches began to be closed. At 5:10 a.m., Sam Allison began intoning the count over a clamorous rendition of "the star-spangled banner" as station KCBA in Delano, California, began its broadcast day over the same frequency. At three camps 9.2 km from the tower scientists and VIPs put on welders' glas-

As the count ran down, automatic timers took over. But Allison continued counting "5... 4... 3... 2... 1..." then he threw his microphone from him and screamed "zero".

And at 5:29:45 a.m. mountain war time, humanity entered a new world. In Arizona, 240 kilometres away, a mystified woman tried to explain

why she saw "the sun come up and go down again." As he watched the swelling fireball never seen before by man, Oppenheimer thought of the Bhagavad-Gita. "I am death-the shatterer of worlds."

Fermi scattered his papers as the shock wave visibly approached and estimated the explosion at 20 kilotons. (Close but Rabi at 18 kilotons won the pot and An awed Charles Tho-

mas of the Monsanto Chemical Company shouted to physicist Ernest Lawrence that they had just seen the greatest happening in history. "Buddy," said a soldier behind them, "you just saw the end of the war."

In Carrizozo, the Graves' cabin trembled. By afternoon their geiger counter clacked off the scale as a 160-by-48 kilometre blanket of radioactivity arrived. Groves was about to evacuate the town, but the readings soon subsided.

Newsrooms were swamped with callers wondering what happened. The Associated Press in Albuquerque, New Mexico, but out Groves' re-George Harrison, presi-

dent of the New York Life

Insurance Co. and a member of president Truman's interim committee, pondering what to do about the bomb, wired from Washington to Henry Stimson in Potsdam: "Doctor has just returned and most enthusiastic and confident that the Little Boy is as husky as his big brother. The light in his eyes discernible from here to highhold and I could have heard his screams from here (Washington) to my farm.' Highhold was Stimson's Long Island estate 386 kilometres from Washington and Harrison's Virginia farm was 80 kilometres. the distances Fat Man was seen and heard.

At Potsdam, Truman took Stalin aside and told him the United States had just tested a weapon of unusually destructive force. The Soviet dictator, whose British-naturalised spy and Los Alamos physicist, Klaus Fuchs, had witnessed Trinity, said only: "I hope you make good use of it."

Tales of lies and believers

So to believe or not to

tainty and ill-planning in the stagnant car market our minister of finance comes up with a solid declaration: The duties and customs on imported vehicles are not going to drop. Those were

Thank you your excellency, as you have just con-firmed, beyond any doubt, that custom rates are due to take a dive. Based on previous statements by policymakers, people have grown to anticipate the other side of official declarations. Although such statements imply good intentions, and could be warranted by car dealers, whose business had plunged against a backdrop of continued uncertainty and expecations, they should not mislead people for two reasons: The turth always prevails and the wire of trust between successive governments and the peopie would eventually be cut off. Only last October, our minister of finance then declared that tariffs were not bound to be reduced, seemingly putting an end to ongoing rumours about a projected drop in tariffs.

A few weeks later, an official decision discredited that statement by announcing a tariff drop.

That minister's state-

So what do we expect now?

Kingdom's drive to join GATT towards the end of fall within GATT criteria.

such a move, the governlid on this issue, leaving people's expectations to shift into imaginations amidst mushrooming

dicting public statements is rather more damaging than silence itself. It brings to mind an old joke. A man, sporting a twelve-calibre shotgun and his conspicously "pregnant" daughter, knocks at the door of her lover. With the gun pointed at him the lover says: "But Kathy we agreed to keep our affair secret."

Dutch soldier killed in Bosnia

(Continued from page I)

Thursday when its watch tower was destroyed by two tank shells, a U.N. spokesman

Dutch peacekeepers re-

mained at another U.N.

observation post nearby Saturday. Some 40,000 people live in the Srebrenica enclave, one of six U.N. safe areas in Bosnia ostensibly protected under a Security Council resolution. Under this resolution peacekeepers are authorised in self-defence to call for airstrikes or use force in reply to bombardment of the

safe area of the town or of themselves. The move appeared aimed Meanwhile the Bosnian at undermining the growing Serbs, in an apparent breakdetermination of the through on the delivery of aid to Sarajevo, agreed to a request from the U.N. High peacekeeping force to bring food into the capital using the Igman route despite the dan-Commissioner for Refugees ge's and the risk of con-(UNHCR) to deliver some 500 tonnes of food next frontation with the Serbs.

Aid deliveries to the Bosbia President Slobodan nian capital have been limited to a few hundred tonnes in the last two months while the city needs 6,000 ready troops currently detonnes of aid a month, offiploying in Bosnia would be cials said. The Serbs have used to "guarantee" the deblocked deliveries using a

number of pretexts. In recent days, under route.

Iragis flee Turkish incursion

(Continued from page 1)

Seven members of the security forces and 13 rebels died in different clashes in eastern Turkish provinces on Saturday, security officials

Three helicopters flew over the eastern town of Tunceli all day to ferry about 1,000 troops towards suspected rebel positions in the nearby mountains, witnesses said. Three rebels and four soldiers were killed in fighting in Tunceli province.

Turkey to extend amnesty Turkey is expected to ex-

tend for two months an

amnesty law for repentant

sentence if they give themselves up. Anatolian news agency quoted Prime Minister Tansu Ciller's office on Friday as

saying a bill outlining an extension of the amnesty had been sent to the cabinet. The agency said about 200 PKK members had surren-

Egypt rejects'mediation with Sudan

(Continued from page 1) the threat and said Mr. Tourabi's views were personal, not official.

Sudanese Interior Minister Al Tayeb Ibrahim Mohammad Khair, said in parliament Tuesday that if Egyptian forces continued to attack Sudanese police in Halaib, Sudan would no longer feel obligated to its accords with Egypt, including

The pro-government Egyp-

tian weekly Akhbar Al Youm

reported in its latest issue

Egypt is preparing a major

the Nile agreement.

reconstruction project in the

Halaib region. The Egyptian authorities wish to carry out the reconstruction of Halaib which is fully a part of Egypt," the paper quoted Prime Minister Atef Sedki as saying.

all plan for the reconstruction of the triangle of Halaib and Shalatin" along the Red Sea, Akhbar Ai Youm said. The plan envisages the provision of public utilities including water, electricity and

communications.



ATLANTIS LANDS: The U.S. space shuttle Atlantis prepares to touch down on runway at Kennedy space centre on Friday after a 10-day mission during which it docked

with Russia's Mir space station for joint operations (AFP

Jordan, France to resume talks | World Bank | on terms for debt relief

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Jordanian and French officials will resume negotiations on terms for a 375 million French francs (about JD 50 million) debt relief offered by the French government in the form of investments in the Kingdom, officials said Satur-

The way for the resumption of the negotiations which were launched early this year following the signing of an agreement in September — was cleared after His Majesty King Hussein met with French President Jacques Chirac in Paris last month.

The September agree ment, signed in Paris by the then finance minister, Sami Gammoh, and his French counterpart, provides for a discounted rate for 375 million francs. part of the Jordanian debts to France, for investments in Jordan.

Under the proposed exchange, investors interested in Jordan can pay the discounted rate in foreign currency to the French government and receive the full amount in inconvertible Jordanian dinars for investment in the Kingdom.

The sticking point is a difference between Amman and Paris over the "redemption" rate of the debt. Amman is seeking a minimum of 50 per cent while Paris is holding out for 30 per cent, according to sources familiar with the negotiations.

In comments carried by the local press on Saturday, Michael Marto, a deputy governor of the Central Bank of Jordan, said Jordan remained highly hopeful that the Paris negotiations would produce "positive results.

According to French Ambassador to Jordan Bernard Bajolet, the snag came because it is technocrats who are negotiating the

"The political will is there on the part of the French government to extend assistance to Jordan,' Mr. Bajolet affirmed during

a recent press conference. The ambassador said France felt that Jordan's debts "are a good risk" and thus it did not want to "go too down" in the negotia-

The ambassador also indicated that there were enough investors who were interested in Jordan to buy

head visits S. Arabia the discounted debts. "That is not a problem at

all," he said. "We have JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia enough investors who are (AFP) - World Bank presiready to buy the debts once dent James Wolfensohn has the French treasury and the arrived here for talks with Central Bank of Jordan officials on the bank's role in reach an agreement," he the development of the Arab region, the official SPA news One of the potential investors is the French hotel agency said Saturday.

million of Jordan's debts.

The bulk of the debts have

already been rescheduled after the Kingdom reached an accord with the Paris

Club of creditor govern-ments in June 1994. The

French agreement for the so-called "debt-equity"

swap proposal was also

made at the same meeting

Ambassador Bajolet said it was unlikely that the

French government, which wrote off \$5 million of Jor-

dan's debts last year, would

extend further debt can-

cellation to the Kingdom.

French government was

seeking to help Jordan through developing the

Kingdom's economy.

Instead, he said, the

with the Paris Club.

Mr. Wolfensohn, an group ACCOR, which is American, arrived in this ing several hotel prowestern city late Friday, SPA jects in Jordan with local groups.
France holds about \$600

He will discuss Saudi Arabia's role as one of the bank's financers, including bilateral cooperation and funding of the International Development Association (IDA), the branch which provides loans to the poorest countries, the bank said in Washington. The IDA is in danger o losing part of its funding in

coming years, particularly that provided by the United After Saudi Arabia, the World Bank president is to visit the Gaza Strip and meet with PLO chief Yasser Arafat. He will also visit Palesti-

nian development projects in Gaza, the bank said. The World Bank has announced a 20-milliondollar loan for education and sanitation in the West Bank

Markets rally after first U.S. rate cut in three years

WASHINGTON (AP) — The first U.S. interest rate cut in nearly three years sparked a rally in stock and bond markets, which saw the move as a potential boost for a slowing national economy.

After the Federal Reserve - the U.S. central bank announced the cut Thursday. the Dow Jones industrial average jumped 48.77 to close at a record 4,664. Strong demand for bonds pushed the yield on treasury's 30-year bond down to 6.49 per cent, compared to a pre-vious close of 6.60 per cent.

"As a result of the monetary tightening initiated in early 1994, inflationary pressures have receded enough to accommodate a modest adjustment in monetary condi-tions," Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan said in a state-

Bank of America, the second-largest U.S. bank, cut its prime lending rate by a quarter point and others were expected to follow suit. The prime, the benchmark for millions of business and consumer loans, fell from 9 per cent down to 8.75 per cent. Earlier Thursday, the U.S.

Commerce Department re-

ported that its chief forecasting gauge of economic activity fell for a fourth straight month in May. Often, but not always, three or more consecutive declines in the index of leading indicators signals an impending recession.

The Fed announced it was cutting its target for the federal funds rate from 6 per cent down to 5.75 per cent. This is the rate banks charge each other for overnight

From Feb. 4, 1994, to this Feb. 1, the Fed doubled the funds rate from 3 per cent to 6 per cent in an effort to achieve a "soft landing" in which economic growth slows enough to contain price pressures without a reces-

Some critics have charged that the Fed overtightened and greatly increased chances of a downturn in the world's's biggest economy this year or

Most private economists generally praised the reduc-tion in the funds rate, the first cut since Sept. 4, 1992. Many predicted more rate cuts would follow if the U.S. eco-

nomy remains soft.
"The Fed did the right

thing," said Robert Dederick, economic consultant at Northern Trust Co. in Chicago. "This doesn't guarantee that there won't be a recession, but it certainly improves the odds that we can avoid

"Anytime the Fed has begun an easing process, it never eased by less than 0.75 percentage point and usually by more than that," said Bruce Steinberg, an econom-ist at Merrill Lynch in New York.

Some economists saw the tiny size of the move, only 0.25 percentage point, as a compromise between Fed officials who were urging a delay until more information is known and those who wanted an even bolder strike against recession threats.

The National Association of Manufacturers, which has been pushing for rate cuts, called the move "a small step in the right direction.... Our only regret is that the rate cut wasn't larger."

The Clinton administration was cautious in its reaction, sensitive to charges that a president anxious to be reelected might be pressuring the central bank behind the scenes to boost the economy. President Clinton must decide by next March whether to reappoint Greenspan for a husine

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third four-year term. The Federal Reserve is independent and the administration does not comment on specific monetary actions taken by the Federal Re-Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin and Joseph Stiglitz, chairman of the president's Council of Economic Advisers, said in a joint state-

The two officials said they believed "many of the factors behind the recent weakness are likely to operate with less force in the future" and the economy's prospects remained favourable.

The index of leading in dicators fell by 0.2 per cent in May, the fourth straight de-

But other recent reports on retail sales and housing have pointed to a possible rebound in activity.
"It is still a mixed environ-

ment out there and the Fed is buying some insurance," said Robert Brusca, economist at Nikko Securities in New

Opportunities for Italian Entrepreneurs in Jordan Projects and Regional Infrastructure

The Government Agency Istituto nazionale per il Commercio Estero (ICE), Rome, the overseas arm of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Trade, has recently signed a contract with Abu-Ghazaleh Consulting (AGCO) to conduct a survey with the aim of identifying development projects in Jordan and regional projects and infrastructures involving Jordan.

The Contract was signed by Dr. Cesar Fritelli, Director, of ICE Beirut Office, on behalf of ICE, Rome, and Ms. Malak ElNasser, AGCO Consulting Manager. The purpose of the survey is to highlight areas of interest where Italian entrepreneurs can contribute to such projects through their skills, advanced

The results of the survey will be discussed during a three-day seminar/forum

In addition to the survey, Mr. Samir Salameh, ICE Envoy to Amman, in cooperation with the Embassy of Italy is currently collecting valid cooperation proposals from Jordanian concerns interested in industrial joint-ventures and/or technology transfer agreements with Italian companies.

ICE will relay such proposals to Italian parties for necessary "matchmaking" and

Barings was warned twice about disaster — Independent

LONDON (AFP) - Barings managers apparently failed to heed two clear warnings which could have prevented the bank's collapse in late February with losses of nearly £900 million (\$1,350 mil-tion), the Independent said

And Bank of England and Singapore investigators into the Barings collapse are raising questions about how far some executives may have tried to discreetly to respond to the warnings without alerting normal managerial chan-nels, it added.

Both warnings of grave irregularities in Barings' de-rivatives operations in Singawere given in January, according to the Indepen-

The Singapore exchange, Simex, contacted Barings' futures operation on Jan. 5 to seek clarification about a \$100 million discrepancy in margin payments on a specific customer account: 88888, the paper said.

This was the account, based on a fictitious customer, allegedly used by Mr. Leeson to conduct the massive speculation that led to losses of nearly £900 million (\$1,350 million) and was blamed for the bank's col-

lapse in late February.

The second alert came later in January when the auditors Coopers and Lybrand uncovered a \$75 million shortfall in Barings' futures operations in Singapore which could not be accounted for in trading losses, according to the Independent.

Coopers' concerns were transmitted to Geoffrey Broadhurst, Barings' group finance director, and to two other members of Barings' top management, Peter Norris and James Bax, the paper

It said that on Feb. 6 Mr. Norris told Ron Baker, head of Barings' derivatives trading, that the problem was only an "operational error," an explanation subsequently repeated twice.

The Independent reported on Thursday that senior Barings executives knew of Mr. Leeson's secret derivatives , trading account more than six weeks before the merchant bank collapsed.

The Singapore investiga-tors probing the Barings failure were reported in May to be nearing the end of their enquiry after five weeks collecting evidence in Tokyo

Morocco to reduce budget spending

RABAT (R) — Morocco plans to cut its budget spending and rationalise public nistration this year to help cope with a severe drought, a government

spokesman has said. difficult economic (situation)... due to the 1995 drought," Communication Minister and government spokesman Driss Alaoui M'daghri told a news confer-

"Morocco will reduce state budget spending (for 1995) to be in conformity with the country's potentials and to adapt to the difficult economic conjuncture." He gave no figures but said a detailed statement would

be issued later. Last year the 333-seat parokesman has said. liament adopted a 114.4 bil-The country is facing a lion dirhams (\$13.8 billion) state budget.

> In May King Hassan de-scribed the drought which has hit the country this year as a "national disaster." He said the cereal harvest would not exceed 1.6 million tonnes compared with the record crop of 9.4 million tonnes in 1994.

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FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, JULY 9, 1995 By Thomas S. Plerson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) This is a good day to study every angle of any financial situation before you reach a definite decision. Read newspapers thoroughly.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Think carefully about your personal aims today and don't rush pell-mell into anything as yet or you will not be successful.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Plan a new course of action through, which to gain your best goals and more quickly. Have a talk with your loved one.

PROPERTY CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Get together with practical-minded individuals today and listen to their ideas. You can learn a great deal. LEO: (July 22 to August 21) This is a day to think how you can gain

more prestige and enhance your good name in public. Make good use of your charm. VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Delve deeper into philosophical studies today and gain more from them and become more

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Plan how best to deal with others in business today. Have a discussion with your loved one

about later this evening. SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Study carefully any ideas given you by partners since these can be very important in today's relationship.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Get those duties handled for which you have little time during the busy work week. Aid those who need you.

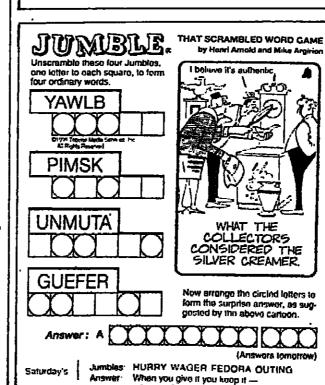
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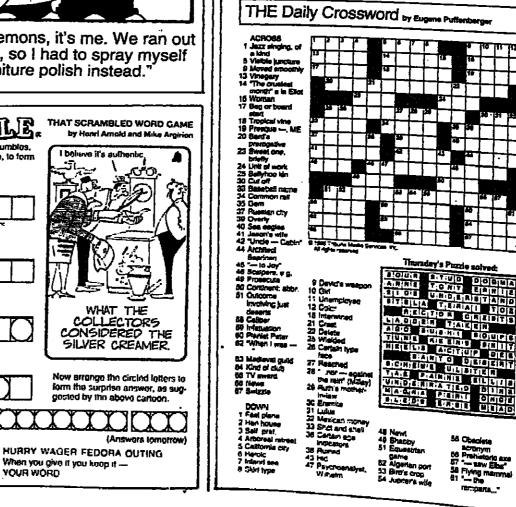
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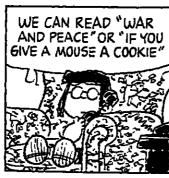
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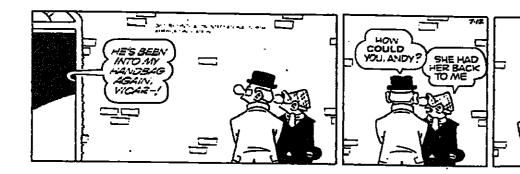






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A review of economic news from the Arabic press

Truckers call for controlling land transport

The Jordanian Truck Owners Association called on the government to ban trucks nowned by the Iraqi government from operating within the Kingdom and to only allow them to transport goods from the Jordanian ⇔ port of Aqaba after obtaining special permits issued by the Unified Company for Organising Land Transport. The association complained that there were some transport offices hiring Iraqi truckers to transport goods between Jordanian cities and to external destinations for less fees than those set by the Ministry of Transport. The association called for protecting the interests of Jordanian truckers and controlling the land transport sector in the Kingdom. Meanwhile, Chairman of the association's board of directors Mohammad Abu Haswa said his association was currently holding contacts with officials at the Ministry of Transport to bring into being "land oports" which will help or ≥ ganise the process of loading and unloading goods coming into Jordan. He said these "land ports" would put an end to competition faced by Jordanian truckers from Arab and foreign counterparts who, he said, 'violate the ministry's regulations (Al Dustour).

** The rapporteur of the private sector executive committee taking part in preparations for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) economic summit which will be held in Amman in October, Shabib Ammari, said his committee has set up 10 sectoral committees to prepare reports on various issues. He said these issues include:

 the prospect of developing economic sectors and preserving their relative competitiveness in the re-

-- offering proposals on policies and strategies that might help achieve such a

- identifying constraints that might stand in the way of achieving these goals and offering solutions to them, preparing a report which will include a list of projects proposed by the sectoral committees in order to offer them to investors who will attend the MENA summit.

Dr. Ammari said the private sector executive committee will study reports presented by its sub-committees in cooperation with Jordanian consultants and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). These reports will later be gathered in two documents, to be issued by the executive committee, and which will be presented to the minister of trade and industry, who heads the national panel entrusted with preparing for the summit. Dr. Ammari said these reports and documents are not working papers that will be presented at the summit, but rather they are intended to document the views of the Jordanian private sector on the development process

Asia faces specter of hunger due to urbanisation

LOS BANOS, Philippines the institute, which 27 years (AP) — Asia is facing the specter of massive hunger early in the next century unless governments can solve the problems of diminishing farm land caused by increasing population and a boom-

ing economy, experts say.
And natural calamities like drought and storms, over which governments have no control, further compound the situation, warned the International Rice Research Institute here.

'An important political objective in most ricedependent countries is selfsufficiency in rice production in order to maintain stable prices. But rice harvests can fluctuate widely, especially in less favourable environments," the institute said in a paper. "Variable natural conditions cause year-to-year shoratges and surpluses."

Countries with serious rice shortages also cannot dépend on the thin international market for long-term help, added ago developed the "miracle rice" which revolutionised rice production on a continent where millions depend on the plant as their staple.

"Most countries cannot depend on imports to meet the food needs of their people," the institute said. "The world market is thin and volatile." International trade accounts only to 4 per cent of world rice production.

As an example, it said that if China, the world's biggest rice producer and consumer. decides to meet just 10 per cent of its domestic consumption by 10 per cent, the world market price for the staple would increase by 80 per cent. Such a situation would dramatically push the price of rice and very few countries have adequate foreign exchange to a major buy, the

institute added. This early, the problem is already being belt in many countries in the region. Recently, an acute food shortage forced North Korea to swallow its pride and ask neighbour and bitter cold war rival South Korea for 150,000 tonnes of rice. Japan also agreed to give Pyongyang 150,000 tonnes of rice and sell another 150,000 tonnes at concessional rates.

Vietnam, concerned about depleting its domestic rice supplies, has curbed official grain exports in an effort to offset rampant smuggling to

A severe drought forced, the Philippines to make frantic calls to Thailand, Viet-nam, China and India for some 220,000 tonnes that it will need.

It said even countries currently enjoying surpluses would have to find a way to control rising population and urbanisation. Scientists predict that by the year 2025 the world rice food need would reach 758 million tonnes -70 per cent more than what is eaten today.

Prabhu Pingali, an economist of the institute, said the effects of the ratification of the general tariffs and trade in January this year also will be felt by the rice industry by early next century.

Mr. Pingalli said Burma
and Cambodia, if their situa-

tions improve, could provide half of the rice Asia needs by 2025. But the rest will have to be found in South America and Africa.

While the institute cannot solve these problems, they are offering a quick-fix that may temporarily stem their effects.

Researchers at the institute say they are on the threshold production "super rice" whose prototype is aiready outperforming the most prolific rice varieties available in the market.

Such prototype are already being field tested at the institute and the new plant is expected to be available to farmers by the end of the

U.S. backs 'major role' for APEC mediation

SAPPORO, Japan (AFP) — The chairman of an advisory group to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum said Friday that the United States was ready to promote a new multilateral approach to trade disputes.

Fred Bergsten, a former assistant treasury secretary in the Carter administration who now chairs the APEC eminent persons group (EPG), said he saw a "major for the forum in mediating in trade disputes which could reduce the pressure on Washington to rely on unilateral threats.

"The United States, based on its history of trade policy, will in fact strongly support the effort to have APEC cover additional issues, to have APEC develop a disputesettlement process that will further expand the prospects for a multilateral response to these issues," he said. Washington is "very sup-

portive and indeed welcomes the possibility of having addi-tional APEC rules," Mr. Bergsten added, "That would reduce substantially the risk of continued resort to these unilateral measures." Speaking at a news confer-

ence after presenting a report to a meeting of senior APEC officials in Sapporo, he noted "an increasing number of verv putes in the region.

"The most recent was, of course, between the United States and Japan on automobile trade. We know that more disputes are coming be-

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"And we in EPG are very concerned about the adverse effect of those disputes on the other countries in the re-

gion," he said. Mr. Bergsten also noted that the dispute-settlement procedures of the Genevabased World Trade Organisation (WTO) were limited.

"There are lots issues that are not covered by WTO," he said. "The WTO is highly legalistic. We think in this part of the world, it would be highly desirable to have a less formal, less confrontational kind of mechanism. That would be like mediation rather than arbitration."

Mr. Bergsten said it was "critically important" for APEC to move forward in implementing the declaration of APEC leaders in Indonesia last year calling for free and open trade and investment in the region by 2020.

Ippei Yamazawa, an economics professor at Hitotsu-bashi University who is the Japanese member of the EPG, said earlier that the recent dispute over auto trade between Tokyo and Washington heightened the need an APEC role.

"Bilateral problems are no longer something only two told AFP. "I have heard a lot of calls from various countries for the creation of a dispute-mediation service. Mediation must be one of the major tasks to be carried out

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by APEC from now on. "No one in the region can ignore the series of problems between Japan and the United States," he said.

While Japan and the United States managed to avert sanctions on Japanese cars with a last-minute compromise last week, other bilateral disputes remain in such sectors as aviation and photographic film.

As a first step, APEC needs to form a mechanism to involve third parties in bilateral disputes within the region. "It's very important to let all the members understand the need for a third-country mechanism," Mr. Yamazawa said:

Mr. Yamazawa also indicated that APEC would eventually have to formulate common rules for such a

The idea of a "voluntary

consultative dispute mediation service" was included in last year's declaration by APEC leaders. Such a service is expected to "supplement" the WTO.

The EPG, set up after the fourth meeting of APEC ministers in Thailand in 1992, played a major role in framing last year's declaration by APEC leaders and is expected to deliver another report in late August.

The group has so far met twice in Japan and Canada this year and will meet again in China next month and Brunei in September.

APEC groups Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Iapan, South Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Papua, New Guinea, the Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and the United States.

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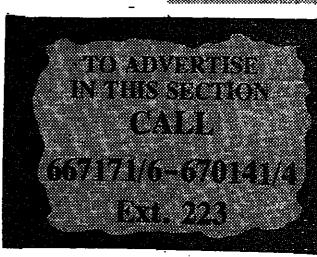
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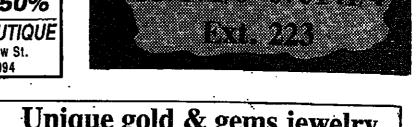
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Al Jala' conclude visit with 62-59 win

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Syrian champions Al Jala' Fri- half as coach Fadi Sabbah gave most bench day ended their week-long visit to the Kingdom by defeating Jordan's women's national basketball team 62-59 in the last of four

The final match at Al Orthodoxi Court was result mostly in favour of the Jordanian team and the winner only being decided in the final

second and 45-37 in the third, while Al Jala' had won the first match 69-51.

Despite their defeat, the Jordanian team played their best match and displayed that they were improving from one match to another. The team now has less than two weeks to prepare for the Asian Championship which will be held in Shizuoka, Japan July

Jordan's Jumana Salti again topped the scorers of both teams with 19 points (she had 28 points in the first match, 19 in the second and 17 in the third). The scoring percentage of her teammates improved as well as Tala Al Mauje had 11, Jihan Abdulnour and Hala

On the other hand Syria's Karla Maghamez was the one to lead her team to victory with 17 points. Al Yarmouk's powerful centre Elo Mouradian had 10 and Joel Abboushi 9.

While scoring was close at first, the scoreboard showed Jordan leading 13-6 in the eighth minute. However Reem Shakkour scored for Al Jala' to reduce the gap at 13-12.

Jordan's Andeira Qassessieh scored two points and Tala Al Mauje and Hala Muheisen scored consecutive three-pointers to again widen Jordan's lead 21-12 in the 13th minute.

In the last six minutes Jordan scored by Jumana Salti and Hala Muheisen to take a 29-18 lead, but Syria's Miriam Abdulnour and Karla Maghamez netted in six points finishing the first half with a 31-25 lead for Jordan. The increasing understanding and improve-

ment among Jordan's players was evident as players tried to apply most of their strategies knowing very well that their four matches against Al Jala' were the only ones to test their preparedness before playing in Asia.

The Jordanian team was due to have played

another four matches against a Ukrainian team. However, citing a cash strapped budget, the JBF cancelled these matches

Puig's season ends in crash

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Motorcyle Grand Prix. The 28-year-old Spa- million sale of midfielder Benito Carbone to

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Napoli need \$25 million

NAPLES (R) — Corrado Ferlaino, the major shareholder in Napoli, warned on Friday that the southern Italian club made famous by who live near the near the former on the live near the
Argentline ace Diego Maradona needed \$25 heavyweight champion's palatial home on the million within two weeks to stay alive. Build-city's southeast side. Tyson had asked for the

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East failed to do so and paid the price.
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season. On Friday Italy's Loris Capirossi fell it into liquidation.

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burdened with four fouls. Jordan kept the lead at 43-35 at the beginning of the second

players a chance to play. However, the Syrian team seemed determined to win their final match in Amman as friendly matches organised by the Jordan the team's top scorer Karla Maghamez Basketball Federation (JBF). nour scored two three-pointers to tie the game

the most interesting and competitive, with the 45-45 in the 10th minute of the second half. Elo Mouradian excelled in offensive rebounding and scoring as she netted six conminute of the match attended by His Royal secutive points to give her team the lead Highness Prince Firas Ben Ra'd and Princess 51-48. Joel Abboushi added another 4 points With Al Jala's victory, both teams split two
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Karla Maghamez scored the next seven points for Ai Jala' who were leading 60-56 with a minute remaining when Tala Al Mauje scored a three-pointer reducing the gap 60-59. However, Maghamez scored two points as Jordan's Abduinour, Al Mauje and teammates repeatedly tried to score a threepointer to tie the game but were unsuccessful.

Before leaving Amman for Aleppo late Friday evening, Al Jala's coach Nidal Farra thanked the JBF for their invitation and said his team had enjoyed their matches and stay in Jordan.

"We undoubtedly benefited from our matches here, as we will play our league playoffs in 10 days. We hope to see the Jordanian team in Aleppo soon," he added. Prior to their two loses against the national team the Syrian champions had a 3-0 record over Jordanian teams. They beat Jordan's 1994 champions Al Jazireh twice in Aleppo early last year and again in July '94 when they finished second behind Lebanon's Homentment in Al Jazireh's five-team regional cham-

Al Jala' currently lead the standings in the Syrian League and will play a three-round playoff against titleholders Al Horrieh and Al Ourouba clubs starting July 19.

Five of Al Jala's players are on the Syrian national team including Al Yarmouk Club's powerful centre Elo Mouradian. Other national team players include Karin and Miriam Abdulnour, Karla Maghamez, Dina Abdul Samad and Joel Abboushi. Other players are Reem Shakkour, Nour Tarabishi, Tania Ribat, Aleen Khokaz, Regina Maqdesi and Wa'ed Karroum.

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Graf wins 6th Wimbledon title

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WIMBLEDON (Agencies)
— Steffi Graf outlasted Arantxa Sanchez Vicario in a classic third-set duel Saturday to win her sixth Wimbledon title.

The top-seeded German broke the No. 2 Spaniard in the 20-minute 11th game of the final set and then served out the match to win 4-6, 6-1, 7-5, in 2 hours, 2 minutes.

The victory gave Graf her 17th Grand Slam singles crown and her 92nd career title. The win also extended her record this year to 32-0. The match was virtually

decided when Graf won the marathon 11th game of the third set. The game consisted of 32 points and included eight game points for San-chez Vicario, six break points for Graf and 13 deuces.

Both players played superb tennis, with Graf putting on the pressure and Sanchez Vicario repeatedly hitting passing shot winners.
But Graf finally cut off one

of those cross-court forehand passes and volleyed into the open court to set up her sixth break point. This time, Graf slugged a forehand deep into the corner and Sanchez Vicario hit a backhand into the net, giving the German a

Graf then served out the match at love. On match point, she hit a backhand volley deep and Sanchez Vicario sailed a backhand long. The two players hugged and kissed at the net leaned on each other as if exhausted. Graf dashed out through the tunnel and up to the guest

box to hug her coach Heinz

Gunthardt and her parents.

When Sanchez Vicario re-

mined baseliner, who had never got further than the quarter-finals in eight pre-vious visits, closed in for the

opening service games.

the match. The Graf forehand was powerful but wayward and many of the German player's shots were going into the net or out of play.

With soaring temperatures making the famous court a cauldron, Graf, watched by anxious parents Peter and Heidi Graf, held her serve at the start of the second set but she was still clearly at odds with her game.

Her returns of serve were far less effective than those of her opponent and she was still struggling to find her

By contrast Sanchez-Vicario was growing in confi-



and determination were causing Graf real problems. It was against the run of play that Graf earned a first break point in the fourth and she quickly cashed it in.

After a long rally she sent a cross-court sliced backhand skimming over the net by a fraction of an inch and Sanchez-Vicario could not

dig it out.

Before losing the fourth game, Sanchez-Vicario had dropped only five points on her serve. But now her service was suddenly vulnerable. Graf was now applying the

pressure and finding a better length in the rallies. She forced Sanchez-Vicario to make a backhand error for games later.)
Graf went immediately 5-1

clear when the Spaniard made her first double-fault.

The German served out for the set with a forehand winner down the line and for the first time her supporters began to breath more easily. By the end of the second set the players had been on

Sampras, Becker play for title

Agassi says he will not watch final

WIMBLEDON (AP) — Brooke Shields closed her eyes or covered her face. She couldn't bear to watch as boyfriend Andre Agassi lost in the Wimbledon semifinal to Boris Becker.

Now it's Agassi's turn to shut his eyes. He can't bear to watch the final.

"I don't think I'm going to be here for the finals," the top seeded American said after his four-set loss to Becker. "Your first priority is to from the thing that hurts most, which is not being there.'

Agassi tossed away a 6-2, 4-1 lead as three-time titlist Becker picked himself up to win 2-6, 7-6 (7-1), 6-4, 7-6 (7-1) to gain the final for the seventh time.

When Agassi led, it looked like he was cruising to the expected all-American final against defending titlist Pete Sampras, who downed fourth-seeded Goran Ivanisevic. Then it seemed like the accelerator cable snap-

"I felt like I was fighting uphill," Agassi said. "I felt I deserved to be up two sets to love and then, when he got away, by the time it was all said and done, he picked up his level and I didn't pick up

Winner here in 1992, Agassi had played some of his most impressive grass-court tennis as he charged into the last four. The roll was still going well into the semifinal as he punished Becker's charges to the net with winners from the baseline and fired returns passed the be-

"It was definitely onesided for the first hour," Agassi said.

Then Becker surprised almost everyone on Centre Court by breaking back for 4-2 in the second set and Agassi's path to the final suddenly seemed far from

"I felt that mentally I had a hard time shaking off the fact that I let a 4-1, two service break lead slip away. My confidence just dropped," the American said.

"After the second set I never quite emotionally rose to the occasion. "When it slips away like this, it doesn't feel great,



Andre Agassi

Agassi said. "But you have to take the good with the bad." Becker, who became Wimbledon's youngest champion in 1985 and won the title

again in 1986 and 1989, reached the final for the seventh time Friday by rallying to beat top-seeded

Andre Agassi 10 years to the

day since he beat Kevin Curren in the 1985 final. But the circumstances of Friday's victory made it even more special for Becker.

-: With him being on top of his game and being No. 1 in the world, that must be probably the best tennis match I have ever had at Wimbledon," he said.

That's saying a lot from a man who has won 62 matches at Wimbledon over the past decade, more than any other first man to reach the final seven times since Arthur W. Gore made his eighth appearance in 1912.

Becker reacted sharply to a questioner who asked whether he was surprised to make the final over the heavily-favoured Agassi, the 1992 Wimbledon champion who had beaten him in their last eight matches.

"Nobody should underestimate me at Wimbledon," Becker said. "Even when I'm down, I still had the hope. I'm still going to fight until the end. He has to beat me. Surprised? No. 1 have been in that situation much more than anybody in the draw."

Martina aims for 19th Wimbledon But when he came under

WIMBLEDON (AP) -Martina Navratilova is one win away from her 19th Wimbledon title.

The 38-year-old lefthander, retired from singles play after winning nine Wimbledon championships. gained the mixed doubles final Friday in partnership with fellow American Jonathan Stark. Winner of seven women's doubles titles, she now aims for her third in the

mixed competition.

Navratilova and Stark. came from a set down to beat top seeds Mark Woodforde of Australia and Latvia's Larisa Neiland 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Woodforde is in another doubles final Saturday when he and countryman Todd Woodbridge aim for their

third men's title in a row. The "woodles," wh ousted Mark Knowles of the Bahamas and Canada's Dan Nestor, meet unseeded Americans Rick Leach and Scott Melville, who downed 14th seed Marc Goellner of Germany and Russia's Yevgeny Kafelnikov in the

Saturday's women's final is between Fernandez and Natasha Zvereva of Belarus. the top seeds, and secondseeded Jana Novotna of the Czech Republic and Arantxa Sanchez Vicario.

While Boris Becker and Andre Agassi battled it out for a place in the Wimbledon final Friday, their closest fans just couldn't bear to watch.

For much of the 2 hour 55-minute match, Becker's wife, Barbara Feltus, buried her head in her hands or sat with her eyes closed. Agassi's girlfriend, actress Brooke Shields, shared his joy as he raced into a set and 4-1 lead. pressure and the match swung away from her boyfriend, she also hid behind her hands, unable to watch. Shields was sitting next to

Agassi's former coach, Nick Bollettieri, who now is guiding Becker. They shared jokes before the match but didn't appear to say much to each other during the four-set

☆ Mac Joins Rusedski de-bate: John McEnroe has joined the chorus of criticism over Greg Rusedski's switch from Canada to Britain.

The three-time Wimbledon champion, commentating for NBC at this year's tourna-ment, said he didn't like the way the 21-year-old Canadian-born lefthander swapped countries two months ago to help Britain's ailing Davis Cup team.

After a series of defeats. Britain will slip to its lowest level ever it fails to beat Monaco later this month and Rusedski has been chosen to

"If people really want to see the true picture they need to see exactly what type of negotiations took place." McEnroe said. "But the bargaining between the two I find distasteful.

"It's certainly not a crime hut I should take it with a grain of sait."

Some British players. struggling to make their way up the rankings, complained that it was wrong for Rusedski, who is in the top 50, to just walk into the No. 1 spot in his adopted country.

☆ Boom-boom Nastase: Ilie Nastase, who had fans in fits

of laughter as a player while also plaguing umpires with his gamesmanship, has not lost his sense of humour.

In a serious criticism of modern-day tennis, the 48-year-old Romanian said the large graphite rackets used by most present-day players should be banned.

"All the skill is going out of the game," said Nastase, playing in the over-45s doubles tournament at Wimble-don. "Players like Rod Laver, John McEnroe and Bjorn Borg could do wonderful things with a wooden racket. Now it's boom, boom, boom.

But what kind of racket is Nastase using?

"A giant graphite racket, of course," he said. "So I can go boom, boom, boom with all the others.

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Riis apologises for grabbing leader's jersey

CHARLEROI, Belgium (Agencies) — Sprinter Erik Zabel won the sixth stage and Bijarne Riis apologised to a teammate for grabbing the overall lead as the Tour de France entered Belgium here

Though Italy's Ivan Gotti was originally thought to have retained his yellow jersey, a break in the bunch earned Denmark's Bjarne Riis three seconds over his Gewiss teammate and the overall lead.

The 202-kilometre flat stage from French coastal town Dunkirk to Charleroi in southern Belgium was sup-posed to have provided little

But the dream increased as Riis, in second place over-all one second behind Gotti at Dunkirk, was unaware he had taken the lead when crossing the line. Officials later confirmed a

1.2 second gap in the banch with Riss in the first section and Gotti in the second. With the clock stopping at the first rider of each part of the pack, a three second gap

was officially given. Therefore the Dane, one second behind Gotti at the start, was unexpectedly thrust into the limelight.

Later Riis said: "I didn't know I had taken the yellow jersey. I knew there was a break in the pack, but I didn't think it was large enough.

It really wasn't my fault I

took the yellow jersey from

bonus sprints to put him third overall, eight seconds from Riis and six from Gotti. Attacks were mounted throughout the stage, but "I was told in the team coach about 10 minutes later.

none succeeded. France's Francois Simon and Belgian Herman Frison made a break after 100kilometre, but were caught

Tour de France

Gotti himself said: "I was disappointed to lose the yellow jersey in this way. I didn't realise there was a break in the bunch. But as a teammate is in yellow, it's less hard to take,"

Riis is no slouch in the saddle, however. The 31year-old was fifth in this race two years ago and won a stage last year. He is a consistent rider and his nine years as a professional has given him a wealth of experience.

Meanwhile Zabel had his moment of glory to celebrate his 25th birthday on Friday with the stage win. He pushed former overall leader Laurent Jalabert into second place, with Uzbek Djamolidin Abdujaparov third and Slovakia's Jan Svorada

Earlier, Jalabert had notched up 22 seconds in 28-kilometre from the line. France's Jean-Francois Bernard and Italians Maurizio Fondriest and Rossano Brasi also made their bids, but were caught 6-kilometre from the line.

The tour continues its three day stint in Belgium with a 203-kilometre stretch from Charleroi to Liege, before the crucial 54-kilometre individual time trial.

Rominger insists he is focused on tour

An angry Tony Rominger hit out on Friday against critics who have accused him of keeping a low profile in the Tour de France.

"Everyday, I'm in front and I risk my life to avoid being left behind," said the Swiss rider who is one of the favourites for the world's greatest cycle race.

Gascoigne arrives in Glasgow

GLASGOW (AFP) — England's Paul Gascoigne puts the finishing touches to his £4.5 million (\$7.5 million) move from Lazio to Rangers here on Monday.

The 1990 World Cup star is set to give an afternoon news conference to seal his move to the Scottish champions. A four-team tournament at

the end of July has been organised by Rangers and Gascoigne is expected to feature. He may also make his first appearance in a friendly on Friday, before joining the rest of the team in a tour of Denmark.

But his first competitive match will almost certainly come in the European Cup, just before the start of the League season.

Rangers face a preliminary round tie in the competition after a disappointing performance last season and will know their fate next Wednesday when the draw is made in Switzerland.

It is believed it was the promise of European football at the top level that finally convinced Gascoigne his future lay in Scotland after injury problems curtailed his career at club and international level.

He re-emerged in the England squad for the Umbro Cup last season and showed glimpses of the form that had made him such an outstanding talent with Newcastle and

Now he is hoping to rekindle his career at Rangers, knowing that if any problems occur, he can be back home with his family in Newcastle inside a couple of hours.

He will be accompanied by his minders on Monday when Ibrox will be turned into a media circus, the like of

which is unlikely to be rivalled on any ground in Britain. Meanwhile, Rangers ex-

pect a decision on whether Romanian player Florin Raducioiu has agreed to join them from Spanish side Espa-Rangers manager Walter

Smith said: "I expect a decision on Saturday and I am optimistic about it. "It has been an awkward time because the Spanish sea-son finished in mid-June and

the player has been on holiday while his agent was working abroad." Earlier this week, Rangers signed signed 23-year-old de-fender Stephen Wright from

The Dons rejected a 900,000 pound bid from the champions and the deal is likely to be settled by a tri-

Special Olympian feared

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut (AP) Nepal's Special Olympics soccer team accepted bronze medals despite the loss of a teammate, who was feared drowned.

drowned

During the ceremony late Friday, five team membersbowed their heads as the medals were placed around their necks. Then they held hands and raised their arms in triumph.

Teammate Ramesh Mali disappeared off the Connecticut coast on Thursday while swimming with his friends. Hours before the medal

ceremony, the team took to the field a final time, determined to go on with a match against the Ivory Coast. They played poorly but were cheered heartily.

Former Gov. Lowell P. Weicker, chairman of the Special Olympic world games, was on the sidelines to give his support. So were members of the Utah soccer team, who had lost to Nepal two days earlier.

"They've got a tough opponent but they're playing gamely, and the fact that they're playing at all is a testament to their courage," Weicker said.

The game started with a long moment of silence in honour of Mali. His teammates bowed their heads and shut their eyes tightly. Mali's name was still on their roster

Even with some deft passing by the team in purple and white and cheers from a small but devoted group of fans, Nepal was unable to score. They lost 6-0 to the Ivory Coast. After a long meeting Thursday night with Timothy

Shriver, the president of the Special Olympics World Group D: Angola, Puer-Games, the team decided to continue to compete. The Nepalese were escorted to the field Friday by police and about a dozen Olympic organisers; who guarded them heavily and declined requests from reporters for interviews with the team and coach.



Kingdom's U-18 basketball team leaves for World Championship

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Jordan's Under-18 national basketball team Sunday leave for Athens to take part in the Youth world Basketball Championship which will be held in the Greek capital July 12-22 with 17 teams taking part.

Together with China and Korea, the Kingdom's team will be representing Asia after becoming the first Jordanian team to qualify for a world championship by clinching the Asian bronze medal earlier this

The participating teams have been divided into four

Group A: China, Venezuela, Lithuania, Croatia Group B: Nigeria, Korea, Argentina, France Group C: Jordan, Au-stralia, U.S., Italy

to Rico, Greece, Spain. Jordan's delegation will be headed by Jordan Basketball Federation (JBF) vice-chairman Samir Janakat and includes players: Zeid Alkhas, Ma'an Odeh. Ashraf Samarah, Mahmoud Sha'ban, Samer Nino, Zeid Ghosheh, Ziyad Naghoj. Ramzi Ghneim, Fadi Al Saqaa and Seif Al Lada'a. In the opening round Jor-

dan face Italy on July 12, the U.S. July 13 and Australia July 14. The second round begins July 21. While playing in the most

difficult group with titlehol-ders the U.S. and second placed Italy, the Jordanian team have garnered sufficient match-experience in the past five months. The backing of sponsors and officials made them probably the country's most well looked after national team.

Royal Jordanian offered to fly the team to Athens and the JBF have postponed all local basketball competitions until after the Kingdom's national team

ends its competitions. Their hard work has so far paid off. Initially, their third place finish in Asia was achieved by a series of matches in Amman and Syria as well as a rigid

training schedule. When the team passed the test with flying colours; the JBF put all its effort. time and money to best prepare the team for the World Championship, They

even managed to get the Ministry of Education's exemption of Tawjihi students on the team from the second semester exam and considered their initial marks as final.

Citing a cash-strapped budget and the need for a thorough training camp, the JBF then took the controversial decision of registering the U-18 team for the recently-concluded Asian men's championshin where they finished 17th among 19 participating teams but undoubtedly gained match experience against better teams.

Jordan will be only the third Arab country ever to take part in the World Championship. Egypt finished last among 12 countries in the first competition in Sao Paulo in 1979 and Syria came in 12th. among 16 in the 1992 championship in Canada.

World Championship

Sao Paulo 1979

-First: U.S. Second: Brazil Third: Argentina

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System of Royal endowments for students is restructured

AMMAN (Petra) — In implementation of Royal directives, a new committee has been formed and new rules have been set to revise the basis for admitting students residing in remote areas and the badia regions to Jordanian uni-These students, who

used to benefit from Royal endowments aimed at aiding students of the less fortunate areas in being admitted to Jordanian universities, will now benefit from a unified programme.

The new committee guiding this process will be chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Ghazi Ben Mohammad and will include as members the Crown Prince's advisor Mohammad Al Saqqaf in addition to representatives of the military education department, the Royal Court, the University of Jordan, Yarmouk University, the Unified University Admittance Bureau, the Ministry of Higher Education, the Ministry of Education and the Badia and Border

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Aqil, whose writings were

long banned in Iraq, is in

sanctions conference.

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Lebanese guest "Iraq's stead-

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thirty-state aggression and

Mr. Aqil's visit and his

red-carpet welcome was a

surprise for Iraqi literary cir-

cles, slammed for his

Arab leanings, Mr. Aqil's writings are hard to find in

A Baghdad poet said Mr.

Adil was invited by Iraqi

Christian clerics who orga-

nised an anti-sanctions con-

ference in Baghdad last week

attended by a representative

It is Mr. Aqil's first visit to

Baghdad. It is not known

why the poet decided to

make the difficult trip to Iraq

travelling the more than

1.000-kilometre road from

"We need to listen to him.

discuss his intellectual and

literary views." Mr. Husseini

lawyers argued in court over

female circumcision on Satur-

day when human rights activ-

ists sued the head of the

eminent Islamic institute Al

Azhar for advocating the

ancient but dangerous prac-

An Islamist preacher and a

group of lawyers and doctors

have railied to defend Sheikh

Gad Al Haq Ali Gad Al Haq, the Azhar official, against the

suit by the Egyptian Organisation for Human Rights

(EOHR). Both sides said

list of plaintiffs and defen-

dants was at the court in

south Cairo.
An EOHR official told the

court Sheikh Gad Al Haq had endangered the life of

activists who fight against

female circumcision by

issuing a fatwa (religious

edict) that he says urges the

government to execute those

EOHR is suing the government-appointed offi-

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wants to donate to a cam-

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Negad Al Borai, EOHR

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the unfair embargo."



Prince Ghazi Ben Mo

Guard Command.

The new endowment will substitute the old one, which used to be offered to two lists of students, one under the title badia and tribes' members and the other the Royal Court list.

Applicants for the new endowment, which will be the only channel for admitting students from lessfortunate parts of the King-dom to universities, will have to compete in accordmainly their grades in the general certificate examination.

The measure aims to upgrade the educational process in the less-fortunate areas and provide them with qualified teaching

An ad hoc committee comprising representatives of the Ministry of Education, the Armed Forces and the Badia and Border Guard Command, will determine which schools will benefit from the new endowment.

Those applying to the endowment programme should be graduates of the schools defined by the committee, should be holders of the secondary education certificate and should have an average of more than 65 per cent in the certificate examination for those applying to human science faculties and a minimum of 80 per cent for the engineering and pharmacy faculties and a minimum of 85 per cent for those applying for the faculties of

Easing of Iraq embargo unlikely

when the Security Council holds a 60-day review of the curbs next week, according to council members.

Baghdad attending an anticlude a ban on Iraqi oil sales, is fulfilment by Iraq of sections of an April 1991 Gulf He has already met Iraq's Culture and Information Minister Hamed Yousef war ceasefire resolution call-Hummafi and is expected to ing for the scrapping of its address Baghdad's literary weapons of mass destruction and ongoing U.N. monitor-"It will be great opportuning to ensure it does not ity for Iraqi writers to meet with Aqil," Iraqi poet Hus-sein Al Husseini told Reureacquire banned arms. These include nuclear, chemical and biological arms and facilities and missiles with a The official press reported range greater than 150 on Saturday that Mr. Hum-

Iraq on Friday told the council it will not destroy five machines that could be used to make ballistic missile parts until U.N. monitors finish their investigation of Baghdad's biological weapons

attempts at writing in ver-nacular and his anti-pan- lier this week that Iraq had refused to destroy five pieces of equipment related to its missile programme.

> promised to submit by late July a complete report on its past biological weapons prog-

Iraqi Ambassador Nizar Hamdoon, in a Friday letter to the council, said Baghdad would postpone destruction of the equipment "until the biology file is disposed of positively."

plaintiffs wanted to end once

and for all arguments over

whether female circumcision

was an Islamic requirement.

think Sheikh Al Azhar (Gad

Al Haq) gave a wrong reli-

gious opinion that hurt us

personally... this opinion says

that whoever opposes cir-

cumcision (of girls) is oppos-

ing a religious obligation and

the leader of the country

must kill him," Mr. Borai

joined the defence are groups

who are trying to impose

intellectual terrorism on peo-

ple by saying our case is against Islam. We think they

are against Islam and are

destroying its image. We are

trying to rescue Islam."
Mr. Borai said the EOHR

would soon take doctors and

barbers to court for perform-

ing circumcision on girls who

Women's rights activists

estimate around 6,000 a day

jected to female circumci-

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In Egypt, a traditional mid-

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"The people who have

told Reuters.

"Our aim is simple. We

Egypt group takes Muslim leaders

to court over female circumcision

UNITED NATIONS (Agencies) — Sanctions imposed on Iraq after its August 1990 invasion of Kuwait are certain to remain unchanged as to what to do if the moni-

A key condition for any easing of sanctions, which in-

programme. Rolf Ekeus, the chief U.N.

He also said Iraq had

Iraq has admitted that it produced large amounts of botulism and anthrax as part of a biological warfare programme.

pects for easing the sanctions until Iraq abides by the U.N. resolutions demanding the dismantling and monitoring of its programmes for weapons of mass destruction. But the council is divided

> tors produce a positive report later this year Russia and France have been demanding an easing of the oil embargo if the report is positive. The United States has demanded that Iraq also improve its human rights record and return military equipment taken from

> "I don't expect any change in the sanctions regime," said British Ambassador David

Mr. Ekeus said Iraq assured him it had destroyed all its bacteriological warfare agents by October 1990 and promised to provide a full, final and complete disclosure by the end of July of all aspects of its past biological weapons programme, which the U.N. Special commission would then have to verify.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Mohammad Al Sahaf, who has been lobbying Security council members in advance of the sanctions review, told Reuters on Thursday the bacteriological material had been destroyed "because it is very dangerous to keep it, to store it. And because we are not interested in this field, in

He also denied that Iraq was refusing to destroy equipment for making missile engines, saying: "After we finalise the biological file and see that both Iraq and the commission are heading towards finalising things, we will deal with this list of Security Council members equipment conveniently."

genitalia. Side effects include

haemorrhage, shock and sex-

Sheikh Yousef Al Badri,

an Islamist preacher who

joined Sheikh Gad Al Haq to

fight the EOHR, told repor-

ters female circumcision was

obligatory in some cases and that the rights groups had misquoted the works of Isla-

mic scholars to support their

kill. What causes harm is that

the person performing it is not specialised and that's why

we call for doctors and nurses

who can perform it and know

when it is needed and what to

remove," Sheikh Badri said.

medicine and is performed on

girls who needs it. At the age

of 10, if it is found that a girl's

clitoris has elongated like a

man's penis, the extra part

must be taken off but not

all of the clitoris is removed

or if it is not removed at all a

woman's face takes on a sal-

low complexion. But if the

extra part is removed ... her

complexion is rosy, her

cheeks are red as apples, not

like your yellow ones."

Sheikh Badri told a woman

"It has been proven that if

completely," he added.

"Circumcision is a form of

*Circumcision does not

ual dysfunction.

Israelis train for joint duty

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AFP) - Israeli border guards have begun training for future joint patrols with Palestinian police in areas of the West Bank due to be evacuated by the army under an extension of self-rule, Israel, radio said Saturday.

Israel Sudan, the commander of the border guard, said: "The men called to participate in these joint patrols fulfill a very sensitive and complex mission.

"They will have to pragmatically find solutions to problems demanding a lot of reflection and understanding of the situation," he told the

The first training session began this week at an unidentified base to prepare the Israeli border guards for the unprecedented assignment, the radio added.

A young recruit to the course and a former member of an elite Israeli army unit, said they were "training to counter urban terrorism, and for other tasks requiring very specific ability."

Joint Israeli and Palesti

nian units are already patrolling two Palestinianautonomous areas — the Gaza Strip and Jericho.

Israeli Police Minister Moshe Shahal said about 3,000 border guards would progressively begin replacing Israeli troops in areas of the occupied West Bank that the army will withdraw from under the "Rainbow II" redeployment plan.

This assumes that the number of border guards will considerably increase," Mr. Shahal said on the radio. The border guards, which fall under the police and not

the army, currently number about 5,000. According to Israel Radio, 500 border guards will be based in the West Bank be-

ginning this year, another 750 guards in 1996, with the rest in 1997. About 90 border guards have already taken up posi-tion in the village of Abu Dis, in East Jerusalem, to rein-force Israeli control of border areas that will fall under

Palestinian authority, the radio said. Other border guards are also to soon begin patrolling the outskirts of the West Bank towns of Nablus, Kalkilya, Ramallah and Beth-

lehem, it added. The accord is expected to set out arran transferring civilian authority to the Palestinian Authority.



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Damascus declaration states discuss ties with Iran, Iraq

MANAMA (Agencies) — Eight Arab allies gathered in Bahrain on Saturday to discuss their tense ties with Iran

and Iraq.
Bahrain Foreign Minister
Sheikh Mohammad Ben Mubarak Al Khalifa said ties with Iran and Iraq would top the agenda of the talks between the foreign ministers of the six Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states and Egypt and Syria. Sheikh Mohammad said

the Middle East peace pro-cess, in which Egypt and Syria are closely involved, would also be reviewed at the two-day meeting of the Damascus declaration states. The group has backed efforts to reach peace with Israel and supports Syria's demand for a full withdrawal from the

Golan Heights.
Egypt, which in 1979 became the first Arab state to sign a peace treaty with Israel, is acting as mediator between the Jewish state and both Syria and the Palestinians to try to narrow differ-

The eight states led an anti-Baghdad Arab camp during the 1990-91 Gulf crisis and formed the regional alliance days after Irag's Gulf war

The GCC groups Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Oman and Bahrain. Egypt and Syria sent troops to fight alongside GCC forces in the Gulf war.

regional force to patrol the area, a move which Iran, the Gulf's non-Arab power, strongly opposed but which was encouraged by the United States.

Instead they decided that military cooperation should be agreed upon in bilateral accords between declaration members.

The alliance now largely serves as a forum in which members consult on political issues and often agree on common stands concerning international and regional

It has been turned into a diplomatic alliance which serves mostly as a forum in which to consult each other. In a meeting in February it issued a statement welcoming Iraq's formal recognition of Kuwaiti sovereignty.
Egypt and Syria were also

pposed to benefit from a \$10 billion development fund the Gulf states would set up. The money did not materialise but Gulf states have individually poured aid into the two countries. Tehran Radio said Satur-

day the Damascus declaration is an obsolete document. 'The 6+2 is more like a

club which has gone out of business than anything else," the radio said, reacting to the news that the alliance's foreign ministers were meeting in Bahrain. The declaration "is purely

a symbolic pact because its Declaration states later decisions have no executional scrapped plans to form a joint guarantees," the radio said. Sheikh Mohammad said: 'There is scope for greater integration and unity of purpose addressing the meeting of Sheikh Mohammad said: "It is important to promote economic cooperation to help the development of our coun-

Arab diplomats in the Gulf said the eight ministers would also examine an Egyptian proposal to create political, economic and social committees within the Damascus declaration during their meet-

Sheikh Mohammad projected the alliance as the nucleus for a new era of pan-Arab unity.

"The grouping ... represents a starting point and a quest for wider Arab solidarity on the basis of the Arab League Charter ... to insti-tute a new Arab order that draws on the experience of the past and builds for the future," said Sheikh Mohammad, the conference chair-

He noted that it was the first Arab bloc to be formed in the post-cold war era.

Sheikh Mohammad, whose country is locked in a territorial waters dispute with Qatar, expressed satisfaction at recent border accords between Saudi Arabia and Yemen and Oman and Yemen.

On the Arab-Israeli peace process, Syria is expected to draw strong support for its demands that Israel withdraw from the Golan Heights.

New exhibit shows Hiroshima devastation

WASHINGTON (R) — An

anti-nuclear war exhibit showing the atomic bombs devastation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki opened Saturday with little of the fanfare or outcry that met the Smithsonian's Enola Gay bomber exhibit. The new exhibit at American University in Washington uses text, photos and artifacts to explore the destruction wreaked by the destruction wreaked by the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima Aug. 6, 1945, by the Enola Gay, a U.S. B-29 bomber. That bombing and the one of Nagasaki three days later — also featured in the school's exhibit — hastered the end of World West tened the end of World War Il 50 years ago. But that devastation now gets only brief mention at the Enola Gay exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum, which was the subject of intense protest when it was originally proposed. After months of controversy museum officials agreed to present a scaled-back version of the exhibit last month that showed little of the bomb's destruction and the deaths and injuries to tens of thousands of Japanese civilians. American veterans and some members of Congress had protested the plans for the original Enola Gay exhibit, saying they portrayed Americans as villains and Japanese as victims. They also said it failed to mention that the bombings saved American lives by averting an invasion of Japan. The revised, more low-key Enola Gay exhibit in turn led to protests by academics who said it was unbalanced by featuring the plane and not the aftermath of the bombing and the moral questions it

Mobile phone ' saves couple trapped in river

TOKYO (AFP) — A mobile phone saved the lives of a young couple whose van was trapped in a flooded river, the Asahi Shimbun reported Saturday. A 22-year-old confectioner from Tsu City and his 20-year-old girlfriend were driving alongside the Friday when their vehicle was washed into the water, the daily said, quoting police. The man then used his mobile telephone to for rescne. Twenty policemen and firefighters took two hours to rescue the couple and retrieve their car.

Gulf emirate flogs youths for reckless drivina

DUBAI (R) - Two United Arab Emirates (UAE) youths have each been lashed 30 times for reckless driving, with the punishment meted out at the spot where they had caused a fatal accident, newspapers reported Saturday. A photograph in Gulf News showed a crowd of young men gathered near a mosque to view the flogging Friday in Ras Al-Khaimah, one of seven UAE emirates. it said up to 2,000 people watched the punishment, which police said was carried out in public to deter other reckless drivers. The emirate's Traffic Department head, Major Abdulla Jumma, said in May that public canings of reckless drivers, had contributed to a drop in road deaths.

Van found after nuclear alert

BIRMINGHAM, England (AFP) — Police Friday said they had recovered a stolen van containing a potentially dangerous piece of radioac-tive material whose disappearance had sparked a nationwide alert. Police said an area around Birmingham's Brookefield Road where the van was found early Friday had been cordoned off as inspectors checked for radiation. No arrests were reported. Officials said the van, taken from outside a house in this central English city Wednesday, was carrying a density measuring device with a radioactive source that could cause contamination or radiation burns. They said the device, intact, posed no danger, but that it could cause injuries if dismantled by unknowledgeable persons.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Women fined after brawl over metro seat

CAIRO (AFP) - Three women arguing over a seat in an all-female carriage fought each other in a vicious brawl that brought a Cairo metro train to a halt, the government daily newspaper Al Gumhuriya said Saturday. The women, their faces bruised and swollen, were arrested by police and fined 400 pounds (\$130) after the Cairo metro driver had to stop his train early Friday, the paper said.

Students chase away monitors to cheat on test

CAIRO (AFP) — A group of Egyptian students threw rocks at their monitors and chased them away after they tried to prevent them from cheating on an English test, a newspaper said Saturday. The students, who were taking the test Thursday in a secondary school at Hawamdiya, 30 kilometres south of Cairo, found the questions too difficult and complained to the monitors, the daily Al Wafd reported. But the monitors showed little sympathy, drawing anger from the students, who hit and stoned them, and broke the class windows, the paper said. The monitors called police, who came and restored order. But in the meantime the students were able to fill out the test, the paper said, without detailing whether the results were annulled. Several similar incidents have occurred in Egypt in the past few years. In June parents were caught taking tests for their children in southern Egypt, while last year a group of parents transmitted answers by microphone to students at a school in the Nile delta.

2,000 held in crackdown on smugggling in Iran

TEHRAN (AFP) - Iranian police have arrested 2,127 people in a crackdown on smuggling in the south of the country, police chief Reza Seifollahi said Saturday. Mr. Seifollahi, quoted by Tehran Radio, said the suspects were rounded up on June 25 in coastal areas near the gulf. He said more than two million cigarettes, about 2,000 fire arms and more than 114,000 other items were seized during the operation. Eleven dhows and 209 light boats were also confiscated. Iran has witnessed a wave of smuggling during the past few years involving consumer goods brought in from Gulf Arab states, such as electronic products, and items banned in Iran, including alcohol and satellite

Kuwait shelters Iraqis on deserted island

KUWAIT (R) - Kuwait is providing Iraqi families who fled poverty at home with temporary shelter on an otherwise deserted island, a newspaper reported on Saturday. "Orders have been given to all the flecing Iraqi families to stay on Failakah Island where a school was allocated to house them temporarily," said Al Watan newspaper. An Interior Ministry spokesman said he had no immediate comment on the report. Failakah has been uninhabited since the 1991 Gulf war that ended Iraq's occupation of Kuwait. Al Watan said authorities were supplying the unspecified number of Iraqi families with their basic needs until a solution to the problem of the influx was found. Two Iraqis — a woman and a baby — had died while trying to reach Kuwait, it said.

Saudi king gives \$4 million for Los Angeles mosque

DUBAI (R) - Saudi Arabia's King Fahd has donated \$4 million to build a mosque in Los Angeles, the Saudi Press Agency (SPA) said on Saturday. It quoted Saudi Ambassador Prince Bandar Ben Sultan in Washington as saying the donation covers the entire cost of the building, which will serve 250,000 Muslims in Los Angeles. SPA said the king's son, Prince Abdul Aziz, paid \$875,000 for the land on which the mosque will be built. It did not say when work would start, how long it would take, or how many worshippers the mosque would accommodate.

EU, N. African ministers to meet in Tunisia

TUNIS (R) - Eleven European Union and North African foreign ministers will meet in Tunisia on July 28-29 to discuss links between South and North Mediterranean countries, diplomats and officials said on Saturday. They said ministers from France, Spain, Italy, Portugal, Greece, Turkey, Malta, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco and Egypt would attend the forum, which will be held in the northern Tunisian resort of Tabarka. "It is an extraordinary informal forum to prepare for the European Union-Mediterranean conference to be held on Nov. 27-28 in Barcelona," a Tunisian official said.

Militants kill coptic Christian in Egypt

MINYA (AFP) - Muslim militants on Saturday shot dead a Coptic Christian pharmacist who had received anonymous threatening letters after agreeing to sell part of his land to the church, police said. Khayri Fahmi Girgess, 55, who was fired on by three men in his field near Malawi, 300 kilometres south of Cairo, had received threats a month ago after offering land to the Archbishop of Malawi, police said. His death took to 827 the number of people killed since March 1992, when Muslim militants began a violent campaign to overthrow the government. Coptic Christians, police and Western tourists have been the main targets of the armed Gamaa Islamiyah fundamentalist group,

Bogus graves deter mourning for satirist

ANKARA (R) - Maverick Turkish author Aziz Nesin is snubbing convention once again, this time from beyond the grave, Turkish newspapers said on Saturday. Nesin, who died of a heart attack on Thursday, has been laid to rest on his instructions in an unmarked grave in one of eight burial plots dug in the same garden to confuse potential mourners. Only a handful of people know Nesin's real grave, The other seven plots have been filled in with earth. Turks traditionally make sombre visits to graves of loved ones on religious holidays and anniversaries of their death. "Those who loved him should have better things to do than visit his grave. He wrote that in his books," the satirist's son Ali told the Yeni Yuzyil daily after Nesin's no-fuss burial on Friday, "He wanted children to play on his grand, he said.

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